

Nuclear sites climbdown by Cabinet

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government responded to mounting public anxiety by announcing yesterday that it is to allow only low-level radioactive waste to be buried at any dumping ground developed by the Nuclear Industry Radioactive Waste Executive.

In a major climbdown to meet the criticism of MPs of all parties and communities in the four sites being considered for the dumps, it dropped plans for them to take the more toxic intermediate level waste.

And in the atmosphere of heightened concern after the Chernobyl disaster, it was disclosed that the Government is undertaking an overall review of strategy on nuclear waste disposal, with a White Paper to be published in the next few months.

The Government's moves were announced as it replied to a Commons Select Committee on the Environment report on nuclear waste.

In a late addition to its response following the Soviet accident, the Government underlined its commitment to nuclear power, saying that it had "an essential contribution to make in the provision of electric power, economically and at a risk level comparable or better than other sources of power."

The restriction on dumping to low-level waste had been recommended by the committee, and last night its chairman, Sir Hugh Rossi, welcomed the Government's reversal of policy.

The Government is preparing to lay a special development order before the Commons to enable Nirex to undertake test drillings at four sites: Bradwell in Essex, in the constituency of the Chief Whip, Mr John Wakeham; Elstow in Bedfordshire; Fulbeck in Lincolnshire and South Killingholme in South Humberside.

The Government said in its reply that there were no scientific grounds for restricting the waste that might be disposed of in the shallow burial grounds.

"But this is an area where it has proved particularly difficult to bridge the gap between scientists' assessment of risks and the honestly-held perceptions of the local communities."

The Government accepted the distinction drawn by many between low-level waste and intermediate waste and recognized that many people would be reassured if the restriction was made, it said.

Low level waste makes up about 85 per cent of the material the Government had hoped to dump. It is mainly items worn or handled by people in laboratories, such as rubber gloves, clothing and syringes.

The remaining 15 per cent of intermediate waste, material such as filters, sludges and resins which are solidified before storage, metalwork, will be stored pending the finding and development of a deep disposal site or until radioactivity has reduced enough for disposal.

The concession is a sign of the Government's concern about getting the order through. It has promised opponents a full Commons debate on nuclear waste disposal before asking for approval. That is expected the week after next.

The MPs most closely concerned welcomed the move, although it is unlikely to stop them opposing the development of sites in their constituencies.

Mr Wakeham said last night that his opposition to the choice of Bradwell would continue "as resolutely as before", but the decision was an important victory for all the areas concerned.

Mr Michael Brown, Conservative MP for Brigs and Cleithorpe, which covers the South Killingholme site, who has threatened to resign if a nuclear dump is allowed there, said that the move was an advance but he would continue to fight for total victory.

Ministers accept that the Chernobyl disaster has increased their difficulties in putting through nuclear power policies. This week it tightened controls on the radioactive discharge into the Irish sea from the Sellafield reprocessing plant.

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Although the initial shock has been absorbed by the Poles, there is still considerable anxiety. Fully-booked flights to the West yesterday demonstrated that the Western community shares some of these fears.

Even the protective measures have had the effect of increasing uncertainty rather than reassuring the public.

Some Western scientists are now warning about the effects of iodine poisoning, and say that dosages have both to be precise - most Polish clinics did not know local radiation levels when they administered the solution - and prompt.

Mr Gale will be the first Westerner to have any contact with the victims since the disaster occurred a week ago. He will be offering the use of a pool of 75,000 volunteers in Britain, the US and Scandinavia who are on call to donate bone marrow for emergencies.

"Individuals who received lethal doses and were not killed outright will die within a few days," Dr Archonson said.

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Parts of the cloud were picked up by the board, by the Ministry of Defence at Aldermaston in Berkshire, and at power stations at Dungeness in Kent and Winfrith, near Lulworth Cove, Dorset. They were also

detected by the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell, near Chilton.

The 100 British students from Kiev and Minsk near the disaster area had been checked and found to be safe.

"It is most unlikely that those returning home from the affected areas are at risk," Dr Archonson said.

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The crash which killed rally drivers Henri Toivonen and Sergio Cresto. Below, Toivonen after his Monte Carlo triumph.

Poles talk openly of cancer risk

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Officials in the Soviet bloc have for the first time talked openly about the risk of long-term illness, including thyroid cancer, that might result from the radioactivity released by the Ukrainian nuclear blast.

The special Polish team set up to deal with the crisis said here that radioactivity levels in the air were declining, but were still high in soil and water.

The authorities will continue to dispense iodine solution to all children under 16, and maintain the ban on selling milk from grass-fed cows. Other dairy products also appear to be held back, although there has been no official announcement.

Professor Zbigniew Jaworowski, head of the Central Laboratory for Radiological Protection, said that within the next 30 years there would be an increase "of a few per cent" in thyroid cancer. There was also a significant risk that babies about to be born would suffer from malfunctioning thyroid glands.

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Trade-off brings hope of an end to prison dispute

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A tit-for-tat deal between the Home Office and Prison Officers Association yesterday provided the best chance yet of ending the jails dispute.

In return for officers agreeing to normal working, the disciplinary suspensions of those in the thick of the dispute are lifted.

The deal, which is only the preliminary to moves aimed at getting both sides off the hook, indicates a new flexibility after the rioting which shocked both sides.

At Gloucester Prison, which has been at the centre of the dispute, officers were still not on duty last night, leaving a question mark over the discussions.

Talks aimed at getting 125 Gloucester officers back to work after they were locked out late on Monday night broke up without agreement yesterday afternoon.

Local prison officers' representatives emerged from the meeting with Mr Nicholas Wall, the governor, tight-lipped after two-and-a-half hours of discussion.

Mr Byron Hughes, branch secretary of the local Prison Officers Association, said: "The discussions are proceeding amicably. They will carry on at a later date, probably over the weekend. Until then the situation has not changed - we will not be going back to work."

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Stockholm ousts 'spy' diplomats

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Security police have smashed an East Block spy ring in Sweden, it was revealed yesterday.

The Swedish Government expelled four senior diplomats from the 10 accredited to the Czechoslovak Embassy in Stockholm, along with the head of the Czech airline CSA in Sweden.

The expelled Czechs were said by security police to have co-operated closely with other Warsaw Pact intelligence units.

Two members of the spy ring were arrested inside a military area of southern Sweden which is off-limits to foreigners.

The diplomats declared "undesirable" included Mr Jan Kroupa, a first secretary who had been at the embassy since 1982, Mr Jan Sovjak, military attaché, who was based in London before coming to Sweden last year, and Mr Ludvik Vanhara, a trade attaché, who also arrived in Stockholm in 1982.

A Foreign Ministry communiqué said the spy ring's activities had not damaged Swedish interests.

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Captain hero dies in Gulf

By Richard Dowden

The British master of a Saudi Arabian tanker was killed while trying to get his crew off a blazing tanker hit by a rocket in the Gulf.

Captain David Lycett was killed by shrapnel on Thursday on the bridge of the Al-Safaniya.

Two Pakistani crew members were also killed in the attack, and seven other crewmen, including a Briton, Mr Sean David, were injured. The 33-man crew included 10 Britons.

Yesterday Captain Lycett's body was still on board the vessel, which was at anchor about 15 miles off Dubai.

The 31,521 ton tanker was hit by a rocket believed to have been fired from an Iranian helicopter about 75 miles north of Abu Dhabi. According to Mr Raef Ali, one of the injured crewmen, Captain Lycett was trying to regain control when the tanker was hit by a second missile which killed him.

Captain Lycett, believed to be in his late thirties, was married with two children and came from Glam Conwy, near Llandudno in north Wales.

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Elstree studios fall to Cannon

By Peter Waymark

The controversial takeover of the ABC cinema chain and Elstree studios by an American based group went ahead yesterday only six months after it was blocked by film industry protests.

The Cannon Group bought the cinemas and Elstree studios from the Australian financier, Mr Alan Bond, for £175 million, £65 million more than Mr Bond paid the previous owner, Thorn-EMI, when he bought the group last month after a planned management buyout failed to raise sufficient cash.

A bid by Cannon last November fell through after strong opposition from sections of the British film industry, which feared the closure of cinemas and deplored the passing of an important section of the industry into foreign hands.

Cannon is run by two consorts, Mr Menahem Golan and Mr Yoram Globus, Israeli-born film entrepreneurs who specialise in low budget material for the mass market. Among their productions are *Flashdance*, the *Death Wish* vigilante series and the erotic *Bohème*, starring Bo Derek.

Recently their output has been moving upmarket. The latest Cannon film to be made in Britain, *Duet For One*, has just completed shooting at Elstree. Based on the West End stage hit about a crippled woman musician, it stars Julie Andrews and Alan Bates.

But Cannon is mainly known in Britain as a cinema owner. With the acquisition of the Classic and Star chains it owns nearly 200 screens on 95 sites. When added to ABC's 287 screens, this will give the new group 40 per cent of British cinema outlets.

Mr Golan said yesterday that the takeover would mean some rationalization but production at Elstree would be increased and for every cinema closed as a result of the merger, two new ones would open. He was confident that the deal would not have to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr Bond, who backed Australia's successful entry for the Americas Cup yacht race two years ago and owns a brewery in Perth, will join the Cannon board. He estimated his profits on the deal at £40 million, after costs.

British film industry critics of the original deal appeared less hostile to the new bid. The Association of Independent Producers said yesterday that it repeated its original concern about maintaining a distinctive national film industry.

But it added: "If the Cannon takeover does now go through, at least Screen Entertainment will be in the hands of people

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Monday UK engineers quit Soviet atom area

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The evacuation of Britons from the region around the stricken Soviet nuclear plant at Chernobyl continued last night when 14 engineers who had been working south of Kiev were flown to London on a British Airways plane on which there were anti-radiation experts.

Geiger counter tests done by a British expert at Moscow airport disclosed that the engineers had much lower levels of radiation than the 97 students flown home on Thursday, although they were still above normal.

They were not ordered to wear the special track suits brought from London. The latest exodus was seen as demonstrating the lack of confidence in the West in repeated Soviet assurances that the Kiev region was free from health risks.

The attempt to foster an air of normality continued yesterday when the authorities went ahead with a cycle race which ended in Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, which is still out of bounds to Western reporters.

The British engineers, who were working 50 miles south of the city, arrived in Moscow unexpectedly yesterday after being ordered home by their company.

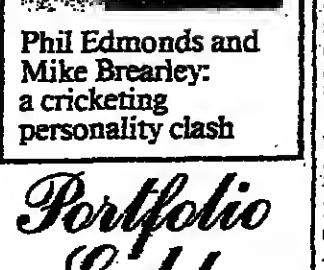
Details of their departure were restricted in advance of the flight in order not to panic their families.

Too old at 22?



Julie Burchill finds George Michael looking forward to a future without Wham!

Sticky wicket



Phil Edmonds and Mike Brearley: a cricketing personality clash

Portfolio Gold

Today there is £12,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio Gold competition - the weekly prize of £8,000 and £4,000 in the daily competition.

Yesterday's daily prize of £4,000 was won outright - details, page 3.

Moving left

Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Norwegian Labour Party leader, is to form a new government after the resignation of her Conservative predecessor.

Tax tangles

Even the taxman gets his sums wrong sometimes - but the taxpayer does have redress. Family Money, pages 25 to 33

Radiation cloud reaches Britain

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Government scientists said yesterday that "remnants" of the radioactive cloud from the Chernobyl disaster had reached southern England.

Dr Donald Acheson, chief medical officer at the Department of Health and Social Security, said there was no danger to health.

The National Radiological Protection Board at Chilton, Oxfordshire, said that concentrations of radioactivity were much lower than those registered in Sweden.

Parts of the cloud were picked up by the board, by the Ministry of Defence at Aldermaston in Berkshire, and at power stations at Dungeness in Kent and Winfrith, near Lulworth Cove, Dorset. They were also

Tax query on church plate collections

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Auditors from the Inland Revenue are claiming substantial refunds from church congregations which cannot prove that they have donated enough under tax-relief co-venturing schemes.

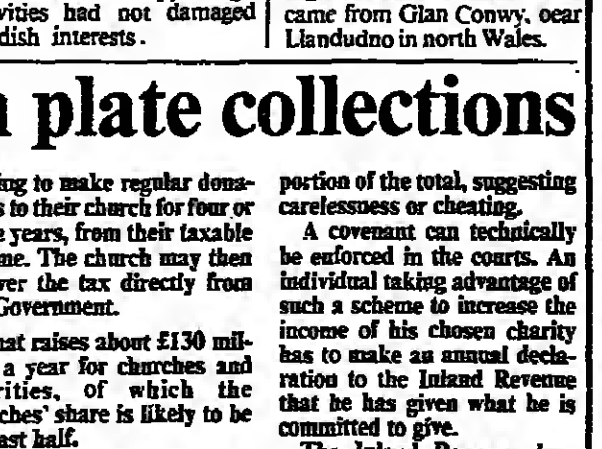
At least one Roman Catholic diocese, and several Church of England parishes, have been served with assessments disputing the amounts shown in church accounts, and asking for repayment.

The diocese is said to be in Scotland, where the Inland Revenue investigation started, and official auditors are checking on churches mainly in the north of England.

Under the tax-relief co-venturing scheme, church members may pledge themselves in writing to make regular donations to their church for four or more years, from their taxable income. The church may then recover the tax directly from the Government.

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'Loyalist' fears to blame for sectarianism, Hermon says

By Richard Ford

The "loyalist" ascendancy in Northern Ireland is being eroded, leading to hazy sectarian attacks on Roman Catholic homes and businesses, Sir John Hermon, chief constable of the RUC, said yesterday.

Sir John linked recent loyalist intimidatory attacks on the RUC and Roman Catholics with the "unreasonable fears" of Protestants that their special position within the province was being affected. "Their ascendancy is being eroded and the police and the Catholics are in their way. It is blatant sectarianism, which shows their hatred," he said.

Although Unionist politicians blamed the Anglo-Irish agreement for the upsurge of loyalist violence, the chief constable said it was not the reason but an excuse. "How on earth do attacks on Catholics relate to the agreement?" he asked.

The chief constable's remarks, given in an interview last night in the *Belfast Telegraph*, are bound to cause controversy with Unionist politicians. Sir John criticized some Unionist leaders for taking part in a march in which leaders of a loyalist paramilitary group were prominent, and gave a warning of the dangers of "sipping with the devil" of paramilitary organizations.

He said intimidation of the police must be seen with the "viciousness of attacks on Catholics", whose homes, churches, schools and businesses had been targeted for "sectarian discrimination". The attacks occurred, "because there is an unreasonable, bigoted fear in these people that their special position is being affected".

Sir John said the violence was a natural progression of

politicians debasing the democratic process, "by consorting with paramilitary elements of a Mafia kind".

With the province preparing for the start of its traditional parade season, he called for an independent tribunal to deal with controversial march routes.

More than 1,800 out of about 2,000 parades are loyalist. Sir John's criticism is directed mainly at that section of the community, in particular the small number which he describes as "very sectarian and politically oriented".

He said his force was finding it intolerable to be in the position of forcing parades through areas which were hostile to them.

"We are talking about parades where people are flaunting their ascendancy in areas where the population balance has changed. Our attitude to parades relates to people, not to the feelings of people and their sensitivity has to be respected."

Parade organizers must give five days' notice of their route to the RUC, which can reroute the march or recommend to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland that it be banned. Last year there were only three bans.

Under Sir John's plan, notice of a contentious parade would go to a tribunal where the police, organizers and the local people could present their case.

The idea has been backed by the Alliance Party but some Unionist politicians and the loyalist Orange Order are strongly opposed to it. An Orange Order spokesman said: "Any attempt to re-route or ban parades will be resisted tooth and nail and the Government and the police should get the message quickly."

Ban lifted on murder article

A High Court judge yesterday lifted a ban on the publication of an article in the current edition of the satirical magazine, *Private Eye*, which names a Tory MP allegedly involved in a murder plot.

A court injunction was granted in private yesterday to a Mr Richard Unwin, who was also named in the article, and Richard Unwin International Ltd. Mr Unwin and the company are suing *Private Eye* and its editor for libel.

A legal spokesman for Mr Unwin said yesterday that the injunction was lifted by Mr Justice Hirst, sitting in private, on the grounds that *Private Eye* intended to defend the action, pleading justification of its allegations.

If the injunction had stood all copies of the magazine would have had to be withdrawn from sale for the removal of the article.

Japanese imports 'a bargain'

Politicians of all parties fostered a false idea of international trade, Mr Enoch Powell, Official Unionist MP for Down South, told a conference of industrial managers yesterday.

"We live under an increasing rain of military metaphors, exhorting to greater and greater efficiency so that suppliers overseas can be defeated in both the home and the export markets", Mr Powell said in Maidenhead, Berkshire.

But the truth was that trade, unlike war, was a relationship of mutual and balancing benefit. Imports of Japanese cars and computers were evidence of beneficial bargains allowing British effort to be put to more valuable use elsewhere.

Without such bargains, "the massive blessings of the international division of labour could never be reaped".



A WD 2-10-0 locomotive, built in Glasgow in 1944, steaming back into public service yesterday on the Mid-Hants Railway Watercress line after 18 months of restoration work (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Elections countdown

First direct poll for Ilea members

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

More than a million London electors will be able to vote twice in next Thursday's local authority poll. They will be able to vote for their local borough councillors and for members of the Inner London Education Authority.

It will be the first time that members of the education authority are chosen by direct vote, and Ilea is the only education authority with direct elections. Elsewhere education is run by committees of county and city councils.

The new Ilea, with its budget of more than £1,000 million a year, will be larger than almost any council. In its former guise it was easy to forget that the authority, with its 1,000 schools and 27,000 teachers and lecturers, was a committee of the former Greater London Council.

Although criticized for poor examination results and heavy spending, the Ilea has a good chance of sharing in the expected Labour landslide in the borough councils. It will probably emerge with Labour once again fully in control. Everyone entitled to vote in the inner boroughs served by

Ilea can vote also for members of the education authority.

The 58 members of the new education authority will be chosen for areas that coincide with the 29 inner London parliamentary constituencies.

If Ilea follows the expected pattern in the boroughs, it will emerge from the poll with a strong Labour majority committed to continue the policies of its GLC-linked predecessor. In next week's election each Ilea constituency will have two members.

The campaign is following predictable lines, with Labour offering the same policies as those pursued in GLC days. The Conservatives are pursuing their familiar theme of "keeping politics out of the classroom". The Alliance wants sensible budgeting between what it sees as the two extremes of Labour extravagance and the Conservatives' obsession with cuts.

One notable feature of the Ilea election is the large number of women candidates. More than a quarter of the Conservatives, more than a third of the Labour hopefuls and almost half of the Alliance candidates are women.

Conservatives get boost in Scotland

By Ronald Faux

The latest test of the political pulse in Scotland gives encouragement to the Conservative Party as the regional elections approach.

The Tories have risen sharply in public esteem and no longer lie last in the four divisions of Scottish politics, according to a System Three opinion poll in the *Glasgow Herald* yesterday.

Labour still leads with 45 per cent, three points down on last month. The Conservatives and Alliance share second place, with the Alliance, having lost two points and the Tories gaining six. Last is the Scottish National Party, little changed at 15 per cent.

The boost to the Tory vote came unexpectedly and was being accounted for as the Tory faithful rallying to pull the party out of the doldrums on the eve of an important test before the general election.

"The Government has been going through a bad patch and it is mid term. There have been quite a few issues that have subdued support," one party member said. Last month the Conservatives stood at 14 per cent. Another explanation for the

improvement has been the performance of Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, and his distinctly upbeat attitude towards his party's position north of the border.

Few Scottish issues have been allowed to linger since he took over and his positive manner has put a spring into the step of party workers in their local election canvassing.

For Labour the poll was unnecessary confirmation of the party's firm domination of west central Scotland. The Alliance said that it conflicted entirely with the response it had received on the doorstep, particularly in Strathclyde and Fife.

The Scottish National Party preferred to point out another finding in the poll which was that Mrs Margaret Thatcher's personal rating in Scotland had dropped sharply since the US bombing raids on Libya.

The consistently low showing of the SNP in the poll does contrast with its excellent results in local by-elections. In the first 11 contests of the year the party secured 40 per cent of the poll, the highest of any party.

Tories expect to win Ryedale with 50% of poll

The Conservatives forecast yesterday that they will win Ryedale convincingly at next Thursday's by-election with 50 per cent of the poll.

Mr John Spence, the constituency's MP who died suddenly on March 2, had a majority of more than 16,000 in the 1983 general election, taking 59 per cent of the poll or nearly 72 per cent of the electorate.

The Alliance took 31 per

cent and Labour lost its deposit with only 10 per cent.

Yesterday Mr Marcus Fox, MP for Shipley, who is managing the campaign for the Tory candidate, Mr Neil Balfour, aged 41, a merchant banker, said: "Our canvass shows we will win convincingly on May 8 with probably more than 50 per cent of the votes cast coming to us."

He would not give his

canvass percentages for the Alliance or Labour but he said: "The Labour vote is holding up very well in the suburbs of York. Naturally we do get great comfort from the strength of Labour support."

The Tories estimate that 67,000 Labour supporters switched in 1983 to the Alliance candidate Mrs Elizabeth Shields, aged 52 a local teacher who is standing this time. She said yesterday: "Our

canvass shows we're only 3 points behind the Tories and closing fast." This week the BBC *Newsnight* poll gave the Tories 44 per cent, the Alliance 37 per cent and Labour 19 per cent. An Alliance canvass, over the past two weeks, shows, they say, that the Tories have 44 per cent, Alliance 41 per cent and Labour 14 per cent.

General election: J. Spence (C) 58,312; Mrs S. Shields (A) 17,172; P. Bloom (L) 6,516. C. May, 16,142.

Hattersley gives left sabotage warning

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

Mr Roy Hattersley warned the far left of the Labour Party yesterday against any actions that might harm its move towards achieving a majority government at the next General Election.

Addressing the Welsh TUC at Llandudno, Mr Hattersley said that Labour had now discovered the path towards victory, "and there will be little sympathy or forgiveness for anyone within the party who, because of personal vanity or ideological obsessions, sabotages our drive towards government."

The Labour deputy leader underlined the party's commitment to root out militant extremists, and, in another message for the left, said that Labour must draw up a manifesto signified by "down-to-earth common sense", and which was "consistent with the reality of our time as well as with the ideology of our party."

"We have become a practical party offering practical policies to the practical people", Mr Hattersley said.

Labour had to stake out its ideological boundaries. "There can be no place within the party for those who follow an alien philosophy and attempt to parasite off us because they could not survive on an honest statement of their own beliefs."

Victim of assault loses out in court

A High Court jury yesterday awarded Mr Vincent Reid £200 damages against the Metropolitan Police for assault.

But Mr Reid, aged 53, will not see a penny of the award because he had rejected an out-of-court settlement offer of £505.

His damages will go towards the estimated £30,000 costs of his action against the police. Mr Reid, of Guildford House, Cumberwell Green, south-east London, was receiving legal aid and will not have to pay the bulk of the costs.

He lost further claims for damages for wrongful arrest and unlawful imprisonment. He alleged that Pc Desmond Keenoy had wrongfully arrested him for threatening behaviour at Wandsworth Borough Council offices in Putney in 1981. He was later acquitted of charges.

Mr Reid claimed the constable had torn his shirt and pushed him against a wall. Pc Keenoy said that Mr Reid was acting in a threatening way and there were reasonable grounds for arrest. He denied assault.

Mr Reid had told the court he was a deeply religious man, a Seventh Day Adventist. "I do not swear, drink, gamble or smoke," he said.

He denied using insulting or abusive language or threatening behaviour.

NUJ calls dispute at Wapping

Journalists on *The Times*, *The Sunday Times* and *News of the World* have voted to invoke their disputes procedure and are asking for a series of undertakings from their management in *News International*.

Their decision comes after the absence of a settlement of the dispute between the company and the print unions over the new newspaper plant at Wapping, east London.

If the undertakings are not given, the journalists will take the matter to the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

The undertakings being sought are:
● Reinstatement of all dismissed or suspended journalists when the dispute with the print unions ends.
● A return of all freelancers who refused to work with Wapping.

● No more changes in work practices or premises without negotiation with the NUJ.
● No pay offer to be conditional on a legally-binding agreement.

If no settlement is reached after the reference to Acas, members will be asked to vote on a possible strike.

Journalists on *The Sun* are expected to vote on similar demands on Tuesday.

● Thirty people were arrested and four charged with public order offences after 2,000 demonstrators marched on the printing plant in Wapping, on Thursday night.

Four police officers and one woman demonstrator were injured after violent clashes between 9pm and 1am.

Body is found in basement

Police have found a body bricked up in the corner of a basement while investigating the seven-year-old mystery of a missing woman. It was disclosed yesterday.

The badly-decomposed body, which was discovered in a terrace house in Streteford, Manchester, is believed to be Mrs Enid Francis, who was aged 38. A man is being taken to Manchester from London for questioning.

Wife killer is jailed for life

A man who stabbed his wife more than 100 times was jailed for life yesterday at Lincoln Crown Court.

David Fields, aged 26, denied murder, claiming he lost control after his wife, aged 20, attempted to stab him in the back while they were having sexual intercourse at their home in Johnson Street, Cloethorpe, Lincolnshire.

Sunny start to Bank holiday

Thousands of motorists were aiming to make an early break for coastal resorts yesterday for the sunny May Bank holiday weekend, according to the travel organizations.

Although the weekend's forecast is a mixture of showers and sunny spells, the exodus has begun.

Buying The Times overseas: Australia \$2.75; Belgium B Fr 60; Canada \$2.75; Denmark Dkr 10.00; France Fr 9.00; Germany Dm 10.00; Greece Gr 10.00; Holland Gld 3.50; Irish Eir 10.00; Italy Lit 10.00; Japan Yen 120.00; New Zealand NZ \$2.75; Norway Nkr 17.00; Portugal Esc 170; Spain Ptas 100.00; Sweden Skr 9.00; Switzerland Sfr 1.70; Yugoslavia Din 400.

Top award for policeman in knife attack

George Hammond, the London policeman left close to death after a savage knife attack, yesterday received Scotland Yard's highest award for bravery.

Police Constable Hammond, aged 49, who was given 120 pints of blood and later underwent a kidney transplant, was off duty when he tackled a svenshop raider in January last year at East Dulwich.

He received the High Commendation Award from Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, at a ceremony in London.

Six other London officers, who tackled armed men in separate incidents, also received a High Commendation.



Mr Leonard Bernstein, the American composer, after receiving a platinum disc yesterday for selling 300,000 copies of his recording of *West Side Story*.

The Habsburgs' final sum

By Alan Hamilton

The moment passed at 3.30 yesterday afternoon without requiem or remembrance; indeed hardly anyone noticed a thing. It was a minor milestone of European history none the less; the Austro-Hungarian Empire was finally declared wound up.

The instantaneously long process of dissolution, which began with the firing of an assassin's bullet at Archduke Ferdinand in Sarajevo in June 1914, ended yesterday with the passing of the absolute last deadline for the honouring of the empire's loan bonds, those ornately printed pieces of paper of which the promised security evaporated in the fires of the Great War.

On the day that Emperor Franz Joseph's account was at

last closed, the Browley, south London-based Council of Foreign Bondholders, a cluster of bad debts whose patience makes Job look like an impatient fidget, reported that only one British bondholder had applied to cash in his chips.

Any outstanding Austro-Hungarian government loan bonds are now worthless except as collectors' items. As they proved an exceedingly bad investment, it is a very long time since their face value even approached their value in the saleroom.

No one is certain how much the empire still owes its creditors. In 1967 its outstanding debt was more than £100 million, but it has been somewhat reduced since then by a co-

timing trickle of modest repayments.

In 1923, in the aftermath of the war which demolished the empire once described by Bismarck as a worm-infested galleon, the Innsbruck Protocol set up a Paris-based organization named the Caisse Commune, charged with collecting money from the empire's successor states and paying back its loan capital.

In 1976, with little cash in the bank, a liquidation committee was established to wind up the Caisse Commune, with a 10-year period of grace to make a final distribution of money to investors. That period of grace ended yesterday, 119 years after the establishment of the Habsburgs' grand design.

Trade-off may bring end to jails dispute

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Mr Hurd has to protect his political flank, so do the POA leaders. The other issues concern pay, allowances and working practices.

But Mr Hurd is on record as saying he will not engage in substantive negotiations until the threat of industrial action is removed.

That threat came as a result of an overwhelming vote by members. It can be removed only by another ballot to lift it. To achieve this the POA leadership must have something to show the members - a reason for officially ending it - though it has been dis-

continued in the meantime.

That is why the clarification of the Home Secretary's letter next Wednesday, without talks being called negotiations, is vital to the outcome of the dispute. With the formal ending of the dispute, the Home Secretary will be able to say he is not negotiating with a pistol at his head.

Mr Colin Steel, POA chairman, said after yesterday's talks: "We have got to go back to the members. One would hope that by the time we get to that position, it will be a formality. We hope we will have a package that will be suitable."

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Farmer's sons ordered to pay their mother £5,000 a year alimony

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Two men who inherited their father's £820,000 farm when he died have been ordered to pay their mother £5,000 a year maintenance.

Mrs Audrey Farrow had received the alimony until her husband died in 1979 and his estate, including a 470-acre farm at Thornton Curtis, Humberside, was inherited by her sons Jonathan, aged 32, and Mark, aged 36. She had also received a £50,000 lump sum settlement from her ex-husband John who ended their 24-year marriage in 1973.

But Mrs Farrow had spent all the money and run into financial trouble, partly due to her own extravagance. Mr Justice Hoffings said in the High Court yesterday.

She was seeking a further lump sum from the estate in court yesterday because she wants to buy the home that

she shared as "just good friends" with a Mr William Deakio in Welton Le Wold, near Lough, Leicestershire.

The judge held that under the rules which entitled him to make provision for dependents of the dead where none had been made in the will, or under intestacy law, she was not entitled to any more than the £50,000 she had received.

But, he said, she was entitled to continue receiving £5,000 a year by way of continued maintenance from the estate, plus £15,000 as compensation for the missed payments since her husband's death.

First reaction among lawyers yesterday was that the ruling to continue payment to an ex-wife of such long standing was highly unusual. In recent years the policy of the court has been to discourage applications by divorced

wives for capital or maintenance from the estate of their former husband, taking the view that was a second bite at the cherry.

But the clue to yesterday's ruling was that Mrs Farrow had started receiving her maintenance payments only the year before her husband died suddenly. It was because she had received so little in maintenance that the judge ruled that the payments should continue.

In 1981, the Court of Appeal said that maintenance should not normally be paid to an ex-spouse unless she had become dependent on her partner over a long period. Yesterday's ruling said the payments should go on for the opposite reason: the brevity of the time they had existed. Mrs Farrow will continue to receive the payments until she remarries or dies.

Husband cleared of dream killing

A man who strangled his wife while having a nightmare about fighting two Japanese soldiers, was yesterday cleared of her murder and manslaughter.

Mr Colin Kemp, aged 34, of Abbots Walk, Caterham, Surrey, had strangled his wife, Ellen, aged 33, when he was experiencing a condition known as "night terror". Mr Nicholas Medawar, QC, said for the defence at the Central Criminal Court.

He described the condition as a dream involving being pursued or attacked which occurs as someone is coming out of a heavy sleep into a light sleep. At that stage physical violence may occur.

"To awake from 'night terror' is an appalling prospect - not least if you go to your bed with your wife and awake with her dead beside you."

"Mr Kemp had told a 'remarkable' story to police, said Mr Robin Simpson, QC, for the prosecution.

He had said: "I started a crazy dream. I was having a nightmare fighting two Japanese soldiers, one I was strangling, and the other I was kicking all over. Eventually he rolled away and shot me. And then I woke up to find Ellen lying on my right arm.

"I slapped her face and tried to wake her up. There was no pulse and I went berserk. I half carried her, half dragged her to the bottom of the stairs.

"I tried to strangle partners or attack them in their sleep.

"There was no serious injury because they woke up before they had done anything. Their partners must have moved or screamed before any harm was done. If they had not woken up, then the attacks might have gone on."

Dr Whitehead's personal experience happened when, as a junior doctor, he was woken by a nurse.

"This rather unthinking sister shook me violently by the shoulder. I half woke up, thought I was being attacked and knocked her across the room."

He said night terrors had previously been used successfully as a defence in court.

Their fourth daughter had been a victim of cot death in January 1984.

In July 1982 Mr Kemp received considerable brain damage in a car accident for which the family had received a £17,000 settlement just before his wife's death.

"Quite clearly," Mr Medawar said, "he suffered a change of personality and Ellen had a lot to put up with. He's irritable, his memory was affected and he was given to making inappropriate vulgar sexual remarks."

When nightmare turns into real violence

A night terror is "a nightmare moving into physical action", according to a psychiatrist who has treated other people who have tried to strangle their partners.

Dr Tony Whitehead, a consultant at Bevedere Hospital, Brighton, said yesterday that he had a slightly similar experience when he "knocked a nurse across the room".

"A night terror is a well-recognized condition. It really is a variation on the theme of a nightmare getting more physical than nightmares usually do. I don't think anybody understands what brings it on, but obviously some deep-seated trauma is involved."

Dr Whitehead added: "I have seen patients who have

Met office data being 'pirated'

Private companies are pirating Meteorological Office data and selling forecasts cheaply, the National Audit Office said yesterday.

The companies intercept the Meteorological Office's radio and satellite transmissions and are able to sell their information more cheaply because they do not have the expense of collecting and analysing raw data, the audit office said.

It wants the interceptors to have to pay for the information, but that would require a change in the law.

The Department of Trade and Industry does not dissent from the principle of charging, so long as private sector services enjoy equal access, the report said.

But the amount of free basic information available from the United States and the free services provided by the Met Office itself would inhibit sales, even if the law were changed to enable the office to supply basic data on licence.

The report accepts that the Met Office already charges for an increasing proportion of its services, where the law allows. "Consultants employed by the office regard its services as seriously under-priced in relation to the benefits conferred on customers, but consider that resistance to higher charges would take a considerable time to overcome."

The gross annual cost of the Met Office to its parent, the Ministry of Defence, is £68 million, and its attributed deficit fell from £8 million to less than £1 million.

Two employees of a Hatton, Garden jewellery manufacturer were drenched with petrol by a gang of armed robbers, who then threatened to ignite it if they moved, a judge said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

"They were put in terror and feared they would be killed or hideously injured. It was calculated viciousness way above the ordinary," Judge Lyberty, QC, said when he sentenced two of the gang to 13 years each in prison.

The judge said that Gregory Bigland, aged 23, and Peter Croll, aged 20, "played for high stakes and lost". Bigland, of Hillside Drive, and Croll, of Ware Close, both of Edgware, north-west London, were convicted of robbing nearly £250,000 while armed with a rifle, pistol and petrol.

They were also convicted of possessing firearms or imitation firearms with intent to commit a crime.

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Mr Bruce Houlder, for the prosecution, said that the robbery was carried out by the three men. The owner of the firm, Mr David Keen, aged 38, was forced into the office by Johnson while two other staff members were handcuffed in another room by Croll.

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A garrulous Commissioner Burrows celebrating her election with Elizabeth Pettrave, aged seven, a staging company member from Tumbidge Wells (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Woman leads the 'Army'

The Salvation Army, for only the second time in its 120-year history, has appointed a woman as its new international leader and general. She is Commissioner Eva Burrows, Australian born, aged 56 and unmarried, and presently commander of the Salvation Army's Southern Australian territory.

She was the only woman candidate of seven and was elected by the army's high council at the conclusion of its meeting at Sunbury Court, Sunbury-on-Thames, yesterday. She will take office in July, replacing General Karl Wahlström, who is retiring.

Commissioner Burrows is the second woman general, the first was General Evangeline Booth, daughter of the founder, General William Booth, who was general from 1934-39.

She trained at the William Booth Memorial College, south London, becoming a commissioned officer in 1951. She served in Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia) as a teacher in Salvation Army schools.

In 1970 Commissioner Burrows became vice-principal and then principal of the International College for Officers, and subsequently was leader of the Salvation Army Women's Social Services in Britain.

She became territorial commander in Sri Lanka, Scotland, and finally Australia Southern in 1982, based in Melbourne. She holds a BA and an M Ed degree.

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Buying a house costs 10% more

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

House prices in April were rising at an annual rate of 10 per cent, according to the Halifax House Price Index, the first time the index has reached double figures since the Halifax Building Society launched it in April 1984.

The figure compares with a 9.7 per cent increase reported in March, and confirms the upward trend in house price inflation since the beginning of the year. In spite of the continuing increase, the society forecasts a 10 per cent increase for 1986.

First-time buyers are paying 10.2 per cent more than a year ago, and the average price they pay is now £27,580, while second-hand house prices are at present rising at 10.7 per cent a year. In Greater London the price increase in the past year is 19 per cent, with the average price £59,500, while in the South-east prices are 14.4 per cent higher at £52,500.

The Halifax reports record levels of lending, and says that there are differences in buying habits compared with 1984 when the society set out to try to end mortgage queues. In all age groups, proportionately more borrowers are now buying terraced properties and flats instead of semi-detached, detached and two-story properties.

One of the main reasons for this change is that the increase in property values between 1984 and 1986 means that house prices may have outstripped earnings in some regions and are therefore forcing buyers to look at cheaper alternatives.

The Halifax says also that running costs were lower in 1984. High rate increases in most areas this year, with bigger fuel and maintenance bills, may well be making prospective house buyers reconsider their property options.

Portfolio Gold

Mr Harold Dunbar, a retired schoolmaster of Bexleyheath, Kent, has been playing Portfolio since it began and yesterday his patience was rewarded when he won the daily £4,000 prize outright.

"It's great fun to play," Mr Dunbar said, "but the cash will also help out with repairs around the house." Mr and Mrs Dunbar also plan to spend something on their son and daughter, both married and each with three children.

Mr Malloy, who retired two years ago, taught at Malloy School, Downham, Kent.

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Rules and information on how to play are on page 20.



Mr Harold Dunbar repairs around the house.

Girl's screams ignored by passers by

By Craig Seton

The screams of an 11-year-old girl, who was attacked and sexually assaulted while picking flowers in a cemetery, were ignored by passers-by, police said yesterday.

The girl was walking home from school through Yardley Cemetery in Acocks Green, Birmingham, when the attacker dragged her into a hut, partly stripped and assaulted her.

Det Chief Inspector Joe McNally, of Acocks Green police, said: "The cemetery is a busy place and there are normally a lot of people walking through it. There is no doubt at all that a number of people would have heard her screams, but nobody went to help."

He said the girl had not been physically injured in the attack, which was carried out by a white man, aged about 30. But it was too early to say what the emotional effects would be.

Concession on new child care laws

By Our Political Staff

A private member's Bill to improve the rules protecting children in care completed its passage through the Commons yesterday.

However, its promoter, Mr Dennis Walters, Conservative MP for Westbury, was compelled to sacrifice the Bill's major clause, which in some circumstances would have required social workers to get the consent of a magistrate before a child in care could be returned to its parents.

"That clause, designed to protect children from the fate of Jasmine Beckford, represented more than 50 per cent of the value of the Bill", Mr Walters said.

"We failed to persuade the Government to accept it, and so the whole Bill would have been lost if we had not dropped it. I'm pleased to have got 45 per cent of the Bill through."

"The clause the Government substituted for mine defines the rules much more clearly than the present law", he said.

"We have also achieved a much more specific commitment to wider government legislation on the whole issue."

The Bill clarifies how decisions on putting a child into care should be taken, and gives grandparents a right of access for the first time.

The Government argued that the intervention of a magistrate would slow decision-making and cost more.

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Austin Rover 'bonuses' boost sales

By Our Motoring Correspondent

Austin Rover quadrupled its new car sales at the end of April with incentive payments to dealers of up to £1,500 a car in what is seen as a desperate attempt to boost its depressed market share.

Ford and General Motors, its close rivals, see the move as further evidence of the state-owned group's growing concern with its poor performance this year.

Such an unprecedented level of factory support might push Austin Rover further into the red. Ford and GM are not expected to retaliate.

Until April 25 when management intervened, the average number of new cars registered daily by Austin Rover dealers was about 480. By the 29th they had increased to 1,600, reaching a peak of 2,100 on April 30, the closing date of the offer.

It is understood that almost all the last-minute registrations were Metros, Montegos and Macstros registered by dealers as "demonstrators".

The move appears to have been introduced too late to prevent Austin Rover being pushed into third place in April behind GM for the second time this year. Official figures due out next Wednesday are expected to show that its April market share fell below 15 per cent compared with its target of 18 per cent.

Shell claim new petrol additive saves fuel

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Scientists at Shell's research centre in Thornton, Cheshire, claim to have developed a petrol additive which will give motorists more miles to the gallon and better all-round performance than any existing brand.

Called Formula Shell, it goes on sale throughout Britain on May 19 at the same price as other petrols, and in four, three and two-star grades.

Last night Shell denied that it was resorting to an old marketing device to take the place of the endless stream of forecourt competitors.

A spokesman said: "It is true that over 20 years ago most of the petrol makers claimed, with varying degrees of truth, that a secret additive made their petrol better than the competition. However,

this time Shell has made a genuine breakthrough, which has been subjected to more than 400,000 miles of actual road testing using 400 different cars. The improvements are there to be seen in the results."

He said that the unique new ingredient was a "spark aid". "It gives the engine more consistent ignition, improving combustion and making the car more responsive and smoother. The improvements are particularly noticeable when the engine is cold, when it is idling and when accelerating."

In a controlled trial, 60 employees at Thornton filled in fortnightly questionnaires about their cars' performance without knowing what type of petrol they were using. Those using Formula Shell showed "significant improvements".

Irish Sea commuter's dole swindle

David Doyle, of Dublin, sailed across the Irish Sea and back once a fortnight to pick up his social security cheque in a benefit swindle, a London magistrate was told yesterday.

Once he had collected his money, he would take the boat back to Dublin to repay his gambling debts, Marylebone Court was told. Doyle, aged 34, admitted obtaining £161.60 by deception from the

DHSS on April 17, by claiming he was still living at the Shannon Hotel in Norfolk Square, Paddington, and attempting to obtain £80.80 on May 1. Police Constable Brendan Downing said that Doyle made the bogus claims in an attempt to clear his £2,000 gambling debts. He was arrested after it was discovered he had left the hotel on April 3.

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Scargill's civil liberties crusade a fairy tale, QC says

Mr Arthur Scargill, the National Union of Mineworkers leader, was described in the High Court in Manchester yesterday as a "fading and faded public figure", and the civil action he brought was called "trivial" and "a fairy tale".

Mr George Carman, QC, for the South Yorkshire police who are being sued for damages by Mr Scargill, told the jury in his final speech: "He seeks an award because he wants to have his stake in the pages of our contemporary history as a champion of freedom and liberty."

"At the same time, he is seeking to expose to the nation the wicked behaviour of an oppressive police force."

"You may well take a deep breath indeed when you hear that claim because you may think to contrast Mr Scargill with the task of upholding your civil liberties might be regarded as dangerous as entrusting Satan with the task of abolishing sin."

In the action, Mr Scargill, aged 48, is claiming he was wrongfully imprisoned outside his home by police seeking to question him over an alleged speeding offence.

Describing Mr Scargill as "a self-admitted lawbreaker, a man who has been found to be in contempt of the High Court", Mr Carman added: "He is not perhaps the ideal candidate to crusade on behalf of his own civil liberties, let alone others."

Mr Carman told the jury that during the previous seven days of the case, it should ask itself if the law was being used in a proper and responsible way by an innocent victim seeking redress. He added: "Or is it being cynically abused?"

"You have listened with care to the evidence on both sides in this extraordinary

Return to Brittany for heroes' reunion

More than 60 members of the 10th Destroyer Flotilla (1944/45) Association will leave from Plymouth today on a sentimental pilgrimage to Brittany to visit the graves of naval men killed in action and meet former French Resistance fighters they last saw 42 years ago.

The Union Nationale Des Combattants, based in Brest, will be hosts for the four-day visit, which will include civic receptions and parades in the towns of Roscoff, Brignogan, Le Folgoet and Plouescat.

The former seamen from Britain, Poland and Canada, who served with the battleships and minesweepers of the Royal Navy's 10th Destroyer Flotilla, will also visit a former German concentration camp near the town of Landivision, where many local people and resistance fighters died because they helped the Allies.

"It is a very sad, wonderful trip for all of us in our twilight years. We especially want to meet the resistance fighters, many of whom we last remembered as young girls, with rifles slung over their shoulders, running down to meet us on the Brittany beaches to collect urgent food and medical supplies," Mr John Bull, aged 64, a former able seaman and gunner, said at his home in East Ham, east London.

Some naval veterans are too frail, however, to go on the pilgrimage, including the association's patron, retired Captain Basil Jones, DSO and Bar and DSC (Captain "D"), aged 85, who lives in Tolgates, Battle, Sussex.

Mr Bull said that Captain Jones, who was commander of the flotilla, in charge of 11 destroyers, had inspired his men.

"On April 29, 1944, the Canadian destroyer, Athabaskan, was torpedoed off the coast of Brittany. The townfolk of Plouescat were ordered by the German authorities to bury the dead seamen in a mass grave outside the town. But the locals returned to the mass grave by night to remove the bodies and buried them in individual graves as a mark of respect."

"The Germans, in reprisal, rounded up 70 local people and sent them to the concentration camp near Landivision. Only 20 or so survived their ordeal and we hope to meet some of these brave people," Mr Bull said.

"I also remember the young girl resistance fighters. They looked like Mexican bandits, dressed in their bright skirts, berets and carrying rifles. Now many are grandmothers, still living in the area."

The seamen will take their standard, complete with beret, white gaiters and black silk. A painting, depicting an action off the French coast, will be presented to the French hosts.



A bearded Mr Bull at the start of his sentimental journey back to Brittany (Photograph: Chris Harris).

English Heritage fails to buy a surrealist dream

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The chance to save Monkton House, with its unique combination of surrealist and "vogue regency" furnishings, for the nation was lost yesterday as the owners agreed to sell most of the contents through Christie's.

English Heritage, which had expressed interest last September in buying the little Luttrells house, set in Sussex woodlands, had been given until April 30, then until May 2, to find the £1.5 million purchase price.

An approach to the National Heritage Memorial Fund for financial aid was refused 10 days ago and no white knight has come forward. A public appeal launched by the Sussex raised a little more than £1,000.

Monkton House belonged to Edward James, the millionaire patron of the surrealists, and other poets, musicians and artists of the 1930s. He inherited the Edwardian hunting box from his father and transformed it into a surreal palace in the woodlands, with metal drain pipes shaped as palm trees and plaster draper-

Five hurt in shotgun attack at gypsy site

Five people were taken to hospital with gunshot wounds after a gang of at least six men armed with shotguns stormed a gypsy caravan site in Shadoxhurst, near Ashford in Kent.

A witness said: "Three cars pulled up near the gypsy caravans. Half a dozen armed men tumbled out and started blasting away with shotguns."

He said the attack was believed to be made by other gypsies seeking revenge after a recent court case.

Lisa Lee, aged six, her brother, Stephen, aged 13, Emily Lee, aged 29, and Alfred Down, aged 21, were released from hospital after treatment, but William Lee, aged 32, was detained overnight after the incident on Thursday.

Det Chief Insp Owen Taylor said that two men and a boy were being questioned by police.

Youth threw brick in riot

Robin Hurlock, aged 17, who joined last September's riots in Brixton, south London, "out of boredom", was sentenced to six months' youth custody at the Central Criminal Court yesterday after he admitted throwing a brick at a police cordon.

Judge Michael Argyll, QC, commended Police Constable Matthew Smith for his "great courage" in arresting Hurlock, of Baldock House, Camberwell, who was part of a mob of 200.

Inquest opens on fire officer

An inquest on Mr George Inge, aged 50, the Hampton Court fire officer whose body was found in the Thames at Thames Ditton in Surrey three weeks after the Easter Monday fire that damaged the royal palace, was opened and adjourned at Epsom coroners' court yesterday.

Dr Roger Ainsworth, pathologist, said the cause of death was drowning. The inquest will resume in three weeks.

Five years for raped woman

A woman who shot dead a neighbour who raped her was sentenced to five years jail at Leeds Crown Court yesterday after pleading not guilty to manslaughter.

The court was told that Mrs Yvonne Hey, aged 27, a divorcee, of Oldfield Road, Honley, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, had fired eight rounds of shot at close range into John France, aged 55, a gamekeeper, as he lay in bed at his cottage.

No dispensation

An application by the Co-operative Bank to knock a hole for a cash dispenser in the wall for the listed premises it uses in St Vincent Street, Glasgow, has been rejected by Glasgow district council's planning committee because it would spoil the building's appearance.

Ports alert in 'tug of love' cases

Children who are made wards of court are being given extra protection to stop them being smuggled out of the country through British ports.

From yesterday the police began operating a 24-hour alert service with immigration officers to identify those at risk.

This move is to speed up the process by which ports are given the identification of "tug of love" children who are in danger of being abducted and taken abroad by a parent.

Under the old system of the Child Abduction Act 1984, a parent who felt his or her child was at risk of unlawful removal had to ask the Home Office to put out "port stops" to warn immigration. More than 500 such stops are issued each year.

Mr David Mellor, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, said of the revised procedure: "If we are to stop children being unlawfully removed from this country, speed is essential, although it is not possible to give a cash-iron guarantee that in every case of a port alert a child will be successfully picked out."

Parents who fear their child could be abducted are advised to get in touch with their local police who will then inform port immigration offices. The offices will keep the child's name on file.

Lichfields' divorce confirmed

Lady Lichfield confirmed yesterday that she and her husband, photographer Patrick Lichfield, are to seek a divorce.

Speaking of the apparent failure of their recent trial separation and the forthcoming end of the 11-year marriage, she said: "It is very distressing."

Lady Lichfield said at her Eaton Square apartment yesterday that it was true the couple were to divorce "in the next few weeks".

Legal proceedings are said to be amicable and Lady Lichfield agreed that she regarded the divorce as "totally without acrimony".

The couple, who married in March 1975, have three children, son, Lord Anson, who is seven, and daughters Lady Rose and Lady Eloise.

It is understood that Lady Lichfield, sister of the Duke of Westminster, is to share the children's custody with her husband.

Lady Lichfield, aged 47, who is a great-nephew of the Queen Mother, was back working at his Staffordshire home yesterday. He has been living with an old Army friend.

At the time of the couple's separation, he was reported as saying: "There is no-one else involved."

He has described himself as a workaholic and once blamed his career for the marriage break-up.

His 18th-century country home, Shagborough, is owned by the National Trust, and Lord Lichfield retains a wing and 6,000 surrounding acres.

The Earl, who has won professional renown for his photographs of beautiful women and celebrities, was yesterday filming advertisements.

Tiger attack

Neil Matthews, a tent erector, was taken to hospital with chest cuts after being attacked by a tiger yesterday at Gerry Cottle's Circus winter quarters at Addlestone, Surrey. He was released after treatment.

Accidents at fairground start inquiry

A safety inquiry began yesterday after two boys were badly hurt on a fairground ride.

Stuart Hagan, aged 15, of Redders Court, Great Baddow, Essex, fractured his skull when he was thrown off the "Mexican Hat" at Chelmsford, Essex.

In a separate incident, Jason Fulbrook, aged 14, from Kent, broke his ankle when he fell off the same ride. Both boys were taken to Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford, after the accidents on Thursday night. Stuart Hagan's condition was said to be "fair" and the other boy was described as "comfortable".

Government inspectors checked safety catches on the ride yesterday. The fairground said that the boys were injured when they tried to jump off the ride while it was still moving.

Buried clues to the ancient climate

By Judy Redfean

The fossil record is our best clue to the evolution of life and the environment in prehistoric times, but the picture it gives is incomplete.

In addition, the record provides information only about those creatures, generally hard-bodied, that make good fossils.

Now, a new technique promises to show far more than the fossil record ever could of early life, by seeking organic molecules in sediment under the ocean bed.

The organic molecules from which cells are made are the only trace left by many organisms. Debris from those living on land finds its way to the ocean in rivers or on the wind, and sinks to the sea-bed where it is gradually buried by further layers of sediment.

The debris is transformed, under certain circumstances, to oil, but most of it lies buried in rock strata, changed beyond all obvious recognition.

However, some molecules, especially the fatty lipids, remain relatively intact, and these are the key to the new technique.

Researchers at Bristol University and at the University of Kiel, West Germany, applying the technique for the first time, have found that the buried lipids give clues about ancient climates.

This is because fatty lipids are main constituents of the membranes that surround cells, and cells adjust the composition of the lipids in their membranes according to temperature changes.

Professor Geoffrey Eglinton and Dr Simon Brassell, from Bristol, point out that such lipids are also component molecules of margarines and butter, and the behaviour of those two substances illustrates the phenomenon that scientists use in looking at molecules of ancient origin.

Margarine, which is high in unsaturated fats, spreads straight from the refrigerator, whereas butter, which is high in saturated fats, does not. Organisms in cold conditions alter the composition of their lipids so that most are unsaturated. In warm conditions, the proportion of saturated lipids goes up. In that way, a marine organism ensures that it remains flexible in cold water, like margarine, and does not turn rigid like butter.

That is the strategy adopted by many present-day marine algae. So might it not also have been used by their ancient counterparts?

Dr Brassell and Professor Eglinton decided to examine the molecular record frozen in

Science report

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Contaminated wine found in Britain

HOUSE OF LORDS

One bulk consignment of Italian vermouth to Britain has been found to be contaminated with methanol at fairly low level, Lady Trampington, Under Secretary of State, Health and Social Security, said during questions in the House of Lords.

She had earlier said that no contamination of Italian wine had been discovered in stocks on sale or in distribution.

The public, grocers and restaurateurs had been warned not to drink any Italian wine unless it had been tested. The wine trade had been testing stocks and imports were being sampled and tested by port authorities.

The Earl of Kintore (C) asked under what label suspect wine was sold and whether any wine imported in bulk to Britain or other countries outside Italy had been discovered to be contaminated and what tests were applied.

Lady Trampington: A list has been compiled by the Italian authorities and a list of bottlers has been published by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. We have not been supplied by the Italians of individual brand names, no doubt because bottlers frequently supply several brands. To find the bottles with contamination it is necessary to find the bottlers name rather than the brand name.

Following numerous tests by the wine trade, only one contaminated consignment has been found in the United Kingdom - a bulk consignment of Italian vermouth which was tested on arrival and found to contain methanol at a fairly low level.

Lord Mollay (Lab): The Government ought not to be concerned with brands or labels but to say that the lot is banned. To look for brand names is an absurdity. The Government should say: "Do not sell or drink Italian wine until we say so."

Lady Trampington: I have always believed that a little of what you fancy does you good. The Italian decree came into force in March banning all export of all wines unless accompanied by a certificate of freedom from contamination by methanol.

Lord Strabolgi (Lab) asked what advice the Government had for British tourists to Italy.

Lady Trampington: They are in the same position as the Italian population generally. The Italian authorities have taken vigorous action to deal with the problem, but visitors would be well advised to buy wine only from reputable sources.

Lord Ennals (Lab): He is satisfied that the trade in Britain has been widely circulated with those firms and bottlers which have been guilty of serious contamination? Can we have an assurance that the people who sell it all know where the danger spots and the dangerous bottles are?

Lady Trampington: Yes.

She added later that the latest reports were that 23 people had died and more than 50 were seriously ill in Italy as a result of drinking contaminated wine but there were no reports of illness from the United Kingdom.

Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab) offered the advice that those who liked to consume alcohol in moderate quantities should concentrate on that produced in the United Kingdom for the time being - particularly that from north of the Border.

Lady Trampington: I thoroughly approve his salesmanship.

Royal Assent

The following Acts received Royal Assent: Gaming Amendment; Statute Law Repeals; Highways Amendment; Yorkshire Water Authority.

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Children's protection Bill passed

The Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill, a private Member's Bill originally intended to involve the courts in decisions over whether children in care should be returned to their parents was read the third time in the Commons, but with its main provisions deleted.

Mr Dennis Walters (Westbury, C), the Bill's sponsor, moving the third reading, said he had not achieved as much as he had hoped but he was satisfied that a useful measure had been introduced and that a worthy piece of legislation had been introduced.

The Health Service Joint Consultative Committee (Access to Information) Bill was read the third time and the Forestry Bill was read a second time.

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After Chernobyl: Safety study

Russian story

Shutdown doubt

Aid accepted

Ecologists order study of safety measures at European atom plants

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A review of all the types of containment, or protective systems used in Europe's atomic power stations...

It should be published by next Tuesday. A proposal was also made yesterday for a commission...

It came at a meeting called by the environmental groups, together with the Political Ecology Research Group.

They challenged the view of Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Lord Marshall, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board...

Mr Stewart Boyle, of Friends of the Earth, said over a third of the Sizewell inquiry concentrated on safety.

Caution on shutdown claim

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

European embassies in Moscow were yesterday treating with caution a claim by an American scientific expert...

There are 39 nuclear reactors in the Soviet Union, 15 of which are of the type that mysteriously exploded in the Ukraine...

The US claim, based on information gleaned from spy satellites, would signify a major precautionary move which would involve the country in the loss of about 5 per cent of the total electricity generated.

By last night, the Soviet authorities - who have main-

Moscow all clear

The Foreign Office yesterday said it was no longer advising Britons to stay away from Moscow because of the danger of contamination...

Mr Boyle said a risk assessment should be available on all reactors. None of the 16 nuclear power stations in Britain had the level of containment proposed for Sizewell.

Mr Peter Taylor, of the Political Ecology Research Group, said the first generation of Magnox British reactors were at a level of technology of the Russian type.

"They would not be given a safety licence to be built today. British reactors had little secondary containment."

Estimates by British Government nuclear advisers of deaths from leukaemia and

cancer over the next 10 to 30 years as a consequence of the Soviet accident are in fact a bit more pessimistic than those made by Mr Taylor.

When he applied the same computer analysis to the possibility of a release from a nuclear power station at Sizewell, the results were dismissed as unrealistic.

Meanwhile, three cargo ships arriving in Boston, Lincolnshire, had traces of contamination, obtained when they were in the Baltic at the time of the accident.

Elsewhere in Europe, there was little sign of the extension of the original cloud of radioactive material from the Chernobyl reactor.

The British Embassy in Moscow has sampled air and found no rise in the level of radiation. But it is sending samples of grass and food to London for testing by government scientists.

The Government is advising travellers to Eastern Europe not to go to Kiev, western Ukraine, Minsk and Lithuania, and suggests caution in visiting northern Poland and Warsaw.

Some diplomats noted that earlier US intelligence reports that a second reactor at Chernobyl had been affected by the disaster were later discounted in Washington. There are 39 nuclear reactors in the Soviet Union, 15 of which are of the type that mysteriously exploded in the Ukraine...



West German scientists cutting grass on the lawn of the Munich Radiation Research Centre for examination for possible contamination from the Chernobyl disaster.

Russians accept aid offer

New York (NYT) - The Soviet Union has accepted an offer of help in treating victims of the nuclear accident at the Chernobyl atomic power plant.

The acceptance of the offer, from an international bone marrow transplant organization, seemed to confirm suggestions in the West that there had been serious radiation injuries.

Apart from immediate death, bone marrow failure is the most serious consequence of exposure to heavy radiation. Total bone marrow failure is virtually certain to cause death unless a bone marrow transplant can be carried out.

The acceptance came from the Soviet Embassy in Washington, Dr Robert Peter Gale, chairman of the group's advisory committee, said. He said he would leave immediately for Kiev, where he planned to meet Soviet doctors to determine what needs to be done.

Since the first disclosure of the Chernobyl accident, several American experts have speculated that there might be cases of bone marrow failure among the victims if there was considerable release of penetrating gamma radiation. It



Dr Gale on his way to Kiev yesterday.

was because of that possibility that the transplant group, the International Bone Marrow Transplant Registry, offered help.

Dr Gale, a bone marrow transplant expert from the University of California at Los Angeles, is the chairman of the advisory committee of the registry, which is a consortium of 128 transplant teams from 60 nations.

During the past few days the Soviet Union has declined several other offers of assistance from abroad.

Radiation reaches Channel

By our Foreign Staff

Low-level fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear power plant was detected throughout France yesterday, reaching the Channel, and spread to the northern Netherlands.

Austria joined Poland and West Germany in imposing preventive health measures.

The French meteorological board said that wind changes over the weekend should push the fallout back towards the Soviet Union.

Radiactivity rose by more than 60 per cent in Luxembourg, and by 16 per cent in the Netherlands.

East Germany said that radiation levels in East Berlin since the accident were more than 100 times higher than normal but not a danger to health.

West Germany maintained strict controls on imports of fresh food from the east.

Radiation in the air over Switzerland, which had reached 10 times normal levels, began to fall. But levels increased sharply in the Balkans after an overnight wind shift carried radioactivity south. Increased readings were recorded in Yugoslavia, Romania, and Bulgaria.

Soviet envoy briefs Capitol Hill

Washington

The almost unprecedented testimony of a Soviet official before a congressional hearing in clearly a belated attempt by the Russians to control the enormous damage Soviet secrecy over the nuclear accident in arms control negotiations.

Mr Vitaly Churkin, a second secretary and arms control specialist at the Soviet Embassy here, said he was responding, in short notice, to the House energy sub-committee's invitation to testify as a symbol of his Government's willingness to be "very forthcoming."

Although he parried sharp questioning for over an hour, drawing some laughter and respect for his diplomatic skill, he revealed nothing beyond the terse official statements from Moscow.

Congress was impressed by his appearance, only the second by a Soviet official on Capitol Hill, but still "shocked and outraged" by the Soviet failure to notify neighbouring countries of the potential hazards from the accident.

Earlier in the day, the House passed a formal resolution deploring the lack of information from Moscow.

American used to an open press and blanket coverage of disasters in this country - especially those as sensitive as nuclear accidents - have found it hard to understand Soviet secrecy.

The accident has swamped television and newspapers here, leading to lurid and exaggerated speculation. The issue has become a matter for intense debate, even in high schools.

The most common and damaging reaction has been: "If we can't trust them to tell the truth on this, how can we trust them on arms control?"

A cartoon in the right-wing Washington Times showed Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, smiling and saying: "Trust me, while from his mouth bubbled nuclear energy symbols."

The Administration, quietly relishing the ammunition that has given to those urging caution in negotiating with the

Russians, has been careful not to exploit the damage done to the Soviet image. "They're usually a little close-mouthed about these things," President Reagan said with deliberate understatement.

The White House pointedly noted that this would not affect his approach to Moscow on arms control, however, and that had always been one of "realism."

But the right-wing, with its emphasis on Soviet cheating in existing arms treaties, has been strengthened in insisting that Moscow cannot be trusted to stick to agreements.

Without question, the damage to Mr Gorbachev's public image here has strengthened Mr Reagan's hand for any forthcoming summit meeting. As Senator John Glenn, a strong proponent of nuclear non-proliferation, said: "Mr



Mr Churkin: typifies new breed of diplomat

Gorbachev's pledge of openness and candour has gone down the drain."

Revealingly, Mr Churkin gave the reason for the Kremlin's initial news blackout: Moscow had first to be sure of the extent of the disaster before saying anything, so as not to alarm its own population unnecessarily.

He pointedly referred to the shuttle explosion, saying that before jumping to conclusions, a government had first to hold an inquiry.

Aged 34 and fluent in idiomatic English, Mr Churkin typifies the new breed of Soviet diplomats, attempting to reflect the openness and polish that Mr Gorbachev embodies.

Michael Binyon

Britain's UN envoy on attack

From Zoriana Pysariwsky New York

Sir John Thomson, the British representative to the United Nations, chastised the United States for withholding about \$70 million (£45 million) from its contribution to the regular UN budget.

He told a special session of the General Assembly that if the US continued on its present course it would be in breach of its international obligations.

Sir John also criticized the Soviet Union for refusing to pay all its dues. "It is not acceptable or right for the superpowers to set such a poor example," he said.

He called on the assembly to accept the package of proposals put forward by Senator Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the Secretary-General, for reducing the projected \$100 million shortfall for this year.

Iceland scraps ship row talks

Reykjavik (Reuters) - Iceland has scrapped a visit by a high-level US delegation due to discuss a bitter shipping dispute between the two countries, diplomatic sources said.

The delegation, led by State Department envoy Mr Edward Derwinski, was to have discussed an American company's use of decades-old legislation to wrest lucrative shipping contracts for the US naval base at Keflavik in Iceland from domestic firms.

Iceland's Foreign Minister, Mr Matthias Matthiessen, said that the US had nothing to offer towards solving the dispute.

Compromise US budget agreed by weary senators

From Bautey Morris, Washington

The US Senate has passed the first \$1,000 billion (£645 billion) budget in a dramatic session in which Republicans supported a large tax increase opposed by President Reagan in a last-ditch attempt to reduce the soaring Federal deficit.

After two days of intense in-fighting among Republicans, weary senators finally passed a compromise budget, by a strong margin of 70-25, in the early hours yesterday.

The Senate budget contains \$13.1 billion new taxes and cut defence spending by \$19 billion to reduce the deficit to \$144 billion in fiscal 1987.

The measure now goes to the US House, which begins work on the budget next week. House Democrats, who have vowed not to support tax increases unless President Reagan specifically endorses them, had wanted to see what action the Senate would take.

Much of the drama surrounding the compromise was broadcast live for the first time to the American public through closed circuit television. Included in the last-minute manoeuvres were numerous phone calls to travelling White House officials in the Far East with President Reagan for the Tokyo economic summit.

At one point, Senate majority leader Mr Robert Dole told Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff, that he had enough votes to kill the compromise version if the President wavered him to do so.

But Mr Reagan gave the

challenge to its Central American policy. It is anxious to show that the political climate in El Salvador is improving, and this aim would not be helped by granting asylum to large numbers of Salvadoreans.

The Government prosecuted the case as one of straight-forward smuggling and it brought charges against 11 activists who included two Roman Catholic priests, a nun and six church lay workers. Defence lawyers were angry because the judge refused to hear any moral or religious arguments.

The eight convicted of helping illegal aliens will be sentenced in July. Three others were acquitted including Mr Jim Corbett, one of the founders of the movement.

Libyans escape charges

Ankara (Reuters) - Three Libyans named in connection with an attempt to bomb a US officers' club in Ankara have diplomatic immunity and cannot be tried.

The Justice Ministry had inquired about the status of People's Bureau (embassy) bodyguard Abdulhamid al-Hadi Sadun, Mohammed Shaban Hassan, a Libyan cultural centre official, and Ali al-Zayyani, the Libyan consul in Istanbul.

The Foreign Ministry had replied that all three had full diplomatic status under the Vienna Convention, he said.

Sadun, Hassan and an Istanbul-based Libyan Arab Airlines official flew home shortly after the alleged foiled bomb attempt.

Fishermen on 1,500-mile trip

Pretoria (Reuters) - South African immigration officials were questioning 76 men who arrived in Walvis Bay, Namibia, on a fishing boat after a gruelling 1,500-mile voyage from São Tomé and Príncipe.

A government spokesman said it was not clear whether they wanted to stay.

Two escape to West

Munich (AFP) - Two East German soldiers have crossed to the West in the past 24 hours in separate bids, one after shooting a companion, the other through a water pipe.

Border police said a 19-year-old soldier had shot his fellow patrol member, leaving him in a field and crossing to the West where he went to a hotel at Ermshausen, in Bavaria.

Terror killing

San Sebastian (Reuters) - Suspected Basque terrorists shot dead a 70-year-old retired tram worker while on his way to a game of cards with friends.

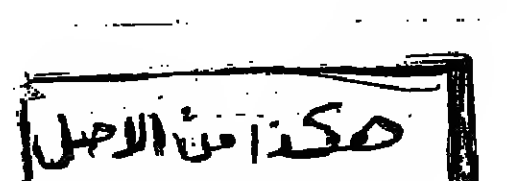
Long life

Hoom (AFP) - The oldest Dutch citizen, Mrs Margaretha Eykens, died here at the age of 110 years, five months and ten days, falling by only one day to beat the national longevity record.

Bunny hop

Cagnes-sur-Mer (AFP) - Gribouille, a conjurer's rabbit, was preparing to take the stage again after being flown thousands of miles from Brazzaville in the Congo to the French Riviera to have a broken leg fixed.

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Western leaders on diplomatic trail to Tokyo summit

Thatcher visit raises hope of Seoul deal

From David Watts, Seoul

Memories of the British contribution to the freedom of South Korea and continued support for its independence set the tone when Mrs Margaret Thatcher arrived last night for the first visit by a British Prime Minister.

But British diplomats are hoping it will not merely be Korean War memories which will make up the centrepiece of the visit.

There were hints before the visit that the South Koreans may offer what one diplomat called "a very exciting" new agreement between the two countries.

So far there has been no firm indication of what may be in the offing, but speculation centres on access to the Korean securities market for British companies, which are queuing up for licences to operate in this important new market.

Also suggested is the possibility of a new arms deal with Britain which could involve the British Aerospace Hawk plane.

Daewoo, a Korean company, has just reached agreement with British Aerospace for the manufacture of pylons for the aircraft.

Though Mrs Thatcher seemed to pay little attention to President Chun's struggle with the opposition over increased democratization during his recent visit to London, a leading member of the opposition, Mr Kim Young Sam, will be at a reception at the British Embassy this evening.

Mrs Thatcher's first day begins with a visit to the National Cemetery in Seoul, where she will lay a wreath.

She will then hold a round of talks with President Chun. In an arrival statement last night she said that the talks she would be having with the President would "allow us to continue the dialogue so happily begun in London."

"I hope that the two visits will testify to the good relations between our two countries and will be seen as forming the basis from which we build a growing partnership not only in the political but also in the commercial and economic fields."

This afternoon Mrs Thatcher is to fly north to the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea.

Later she will see the site of perhaps the most famous British contribution to the Korean War, when a battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment held off the advancing Chinese north-east of Seoul to give the retreating UN forces time to reorganize.

At the site, Gloucester Valley, she will lay another wreath before returning to Seoul for a state banquet hosted by the President.

Seventy-four thousand British personnel were sent to fight in the Korean War, including 57,000 soldiers.

When the war ended in 1953, 606 British soldiers had been killed, almost 2,500 had been wounded and more than 1,100 were missing.

Tomorrow Mrs Thatcher is to fly south to visit the Pohang steel works, for which the British Davy company has been awarded a contract for the construction of two blast furnaces.

At the end of her visit tomorrow Mrs Thatcher flies to Tokyo for the meeting of leaders of seven industrialized democracies.

Asean backs US on terror

Nusa Dua, Bali (Reuters) — President Reagan headed for the Tokyo economic summit yesterday after winning backing from six south-east Asian countries in his call for international action against terrorism.

The President, whose visit here has been overshadowed by the Soviet nuclear accident, had with him a memorandum from the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean) on its economic worries, which he said he would present to the summit when it opens in Tokyo tomorrow.

He was seen off at Bali airport by President Suharto after a four-day stay on the tropical island which focused international attention on press freedom and alleged



Police out in thousands to guard the few

Tokyo — Never have so few been guarded by so many (David Watts writes).

The centre of Tokyo is virtually under martial law in readiness for the summit of seven industrial nations which begins this weekend.

Riot police are on every main street, searching vehicles and making identity checks. Threats from left-wing radicals and the prospect that international terrorists might try to stage a spectacular operation during the meeting and the subsequent visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales, have security forces on tenterhooks.

The focal point for the 30,000 police on duty is a red building in the west of Tokyo. Its facade strung with banners denouncing the Government, the white-helmeted guard on the roof and the door

reinforced with steel plate are the clues to the headquarters of the Chukaku-Ha, radicals who have declared that they will "smash" the summit as a manifestation of worldwide imperialism.

Gaining access to the building is no mean feat. Once inside the reinforced steel door the visitor must pause while the first door is closed by an anonymous member, swathed in black and towels to hide his identity, who then opens a second heavily-fortified door.

Inside are the weapons of an all-out war with the establishment: flags, staves and the occasional helmet. The mood is sombre — the group has been under siege by the police for years. Threats against the summit merely serve to heighten the tension.

A soft-spoken man with dark, determined eyes behind

his surprisingly fashionable glasses talks about his life as a professional revolutionary. Mr Katsumi Kanayama is 39 but looks 20. He has been in jail seven times since the 1960s. The summit, he says, is a meeting to start a world war led by "the biggest terrorist, Reagan".

Mr Kanayama and his immediate group are taken very seriously by the police, though their recent operations have done nothing more than inconvenience the public. A rocket attack was launched on a US base five hours after Mr Reagan's F111s struck at Colonel Gaddafi. Any manifestation of what Chukaku-Ha regards as "imperial Japan" is fair game.

So far its homemade rockets have been less than spectacular. With a range of about a mile they have been fired at

Black bishop freed an hour before clerics' jail protest

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

A black bishop was freed from prison yesterday one hour before the Rt Rev Desmond Tutu, Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, was due to lead clerics in a protest march to the jail's gates.

A scheduled prayer service for the release of the Rt Rev Sigisbert Ndawandwe, Anglican Bishop suffragan of the West Rand, was quickly substituted by a service of thanksgiving.

He was detained last week under the Internal Security Act and taken to prison in Klerksdorp in the south-western Transvaal.

When Bishop Tutu arrived in the town yesterday he was met by the local police commander and told that an hour earlier Bishop Ndawandwe had been charged in court with alleged incitement and released without bail.

At the thanksgiving service in the local Anglican church which Bishop Ndawandwe attended, Bishop Tutu prayed for the release of other detainees who, he said, were being held unfairly.

Meanwhile, South Africa's Roman Catholic bishops declared yesterday that they were in favour of increased economic pressure to speed

reform if it did not cause more people to be put out of work.

The rather equivocal statement was issued by the Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference after a three-day meeting in Durban.

Bishop Tutu has openly called for economic sanctions against South Africa, but the Catholic priesthood and laity are split on the issue.

Whites walked angrily out of Masses in Johannesburg last weekend when they were asked to indicate how they felt.

A group of priests in Durban voted 35-4 against the sanctions and disinvestment, which they said would cause increased hardship and possible further violence.

Father Angus Mackinnon, who chaired the meeting, said yesterday that there would be strong reaction and probably more walk-outs if the statement by the bishops was read in churches.

The bishops made no direct reference to disinvestment in their statement, but said: "It seems the most effective of non-violent forms of pressure left is economic pressure." They acknowledged that Catholics were not obliged to agree with them, but said that their

statement gave a clear lead to be taken seriously.

Blacks streamed back to work yesterday after their massive "stayaway" on May Day, which brought industry and commerce in many parts of the country almost to a halt.

Police reported that eight people, two of them black policemen, had been killed in an upsurge of township violence overnight. Nearly 100 had been arrested.

At Watville township in the East Rand a black policeman was "necklaced" after a youth was shot dead in a clash which followed a May Day rally.

The police said the constable was cornered in his home and shot dead one of his attackers before he was killed.

A second black constable was waylaid and killed in a street in Eersterus township, near Pretoria.

The police report said that another badly wounded man staggered into a police station at Actonville, near Benoni, east of Johannesburg, but collapsed and died before he could tell who had shot him.

The bullet-riddled body of another man was found in the same township. Three other people were killed elsewhere by police gunfire.

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Victory by one party unlikely in Thai poll

From Neil Kelly Bangkok

No single political party is likely to win an overall majority in Thailand's general election on July 27 although the Democrat Party is expected to take most seats with its leader, Mr Bhichai Rattakul, possibly becoming Prime Minister. An elected MP, he is now a Deputy Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister, General Prem Tinsulanonda, who secured the King's formal dissolution of Parliament late on Thursday night, has not made clear his own plans.

It is thought he will again offer himself to be appointed Prime Minister by a parliamentary majority. He has served in that capacity for the past six years, giving Thailand an unusual period of stable rule under a civilian government. Any of the political parties would welcome him into their ranks if he chose to run for election as an MP but he is not expected to do so.

Although some observers say the fall of the Government has left Thailand's political future wide open, the prevailing view is that General Prem's years in office have enabled democracy to put down strong roots.

It is thought that even a military strongman who might come to power with the support of sympathetic MPs would still have to respect the constitution. After the fall of the Government on Thursday its chief spokesman warned anyone contemplating a coup to "stop and think again."

An eminent political scientist said recently: "Young officers don't want General Prem" (as Prime Minister). They would like him replaced by General Arthit Kamlangek, the Supreme Commander, who must retire in August.

Meeting ends in disarray

Arabs fail to find a summit agenda

Fez (Reuters) — Arab foreign ministers have failed to agree on the agenda for a summit to work out a united Arab response to the American raids on Libya last month.

A brief communique at the end of the two-day meeting said the ministers would meet again at a later date but did not mention the raids.

The summit, which King Hassan of Morocco proposed to hold in Fez today, looked doomed when Colonel Gaddafi suggested it should meet instead at Sabha in the Libyan desert.

"One can say there is general consensus on holding a summit. The only problem is to fix the agenda," the Moroccan Foreign Minister, Mr Ahmad Laif Fihali, said after the meeting ended in disarray on Thursday night.

"Everybody thought it was necessary to hold more talks and to meet again immediately after the Eid al-Fitr," he said. The Eid al-Fitr marks the end of the Ramadan month of

fasting, which starts next week.

Libya and Syria wanted the summit agenda to be restricted to the Arab response to the US bombing, Iraq and the Gulf states wanted an enlarged agenda, headed by the Iran-Iraq war.

Conservative Arab states wanted Libya to ease its support for Iran in the war in exchange for a united Arab response to the bombing. They argued that Iran's recent offensive, in which it occupied the Iraqi city of Fao, was as much aggression against the Arab people as the US raids.

The Libyan Foreign Minister, Mr Kamal Hassan al-Mansour, said he still hoped for a summit in Sabha. Conference sources said Colonel Gaddafi was unwilling to attend one outside Libya.

The Secretary-General of the Arab League, Mr Cheddi Klibi, referred to the US raids in his opening address as an aggression and a serious violation of Libya's sovereignty.

Waldheim rests hopes on young voters

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Two days before Austria's vote in the most bitterly contested presidential election in their country's history, Dr Kurt Waldheim addressed a crowd of several hundred in the centre of Vienna yesterday.

He reiterated his feelings of disgust and horror at being the victim of "unfair and dirty" allegations in recent weeks.

Appealing particularly to younger voters, he insisted that young Austrians would not allow their parents' generation to be branded as criminals.

His words were upstaged somewhat by the impressive

rhetoric employed by Dr Kurt Diczman, a film producer who was supporting Dr Waldheim and who made a remarkable speech a few minutes before the former Secretary-General of the United Nations took the microphone.

"This great people... the glory of Austria... children of Andreas Hofer... this people are not a race of Nazis... are not a people who need to ask for pardon!"

Dr Diczman's speech whipped up the crowd's emotions so that Dr Waldheim's words came as something of an anti-climax.

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Thatcher terror draft for summit

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

When Mrs Thatcher arrives in Tokyo tomorrow for the seven-nation economic summit she will have a draft declaration on terrorism intended to get the other participants — especially Japan — to introduce similar measures to those approved by the European Community last month.

However, although her summit partners share her

concern about the spread of international terrorism, there are differing views about how best to fight it.

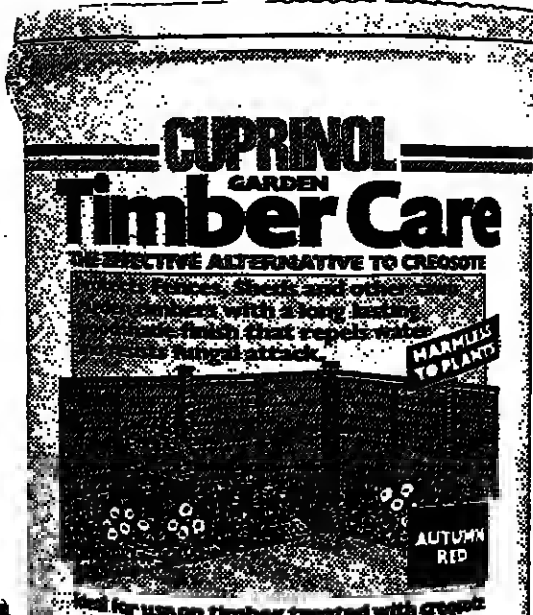
The Japanese do not believe an economic summit is the right venue for launching an international campaign against terrorism. They particularly want to avoid putting their name to a document specifically aimed at Libya.

one of their major oil suppliers.

Aware that terrorism is likely to eclipse much of the economic discussion, the Japanese are drafting their own anti-terrorism declaration, but they will not recommend specific action.

The Americans have also prepared a draft declaration believed to be not dissimilar to Mrs Thatcher's.

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Copyright piracy Bill lacks teeth

Singapore (Reuters) — Singapore will remain a haven for copyright piracy unless loopholes in a Bill designed to stamp it out are plugged.

The International Federation of Phonogram and Videogram Producers said yesterday.

Under the Bill, which has its second reading on Monday, the onus is shifted to the prosecutor to prove that copyright laws were knowingly infringed.

"Now if we find someone with a large number of tapes he must prove he did not intend to sell them. Under the new Bill we will have to prove the person was aware of the copyright laws... and that may be almost impossible."

The federation's lawyer, Mr Nicolas Garnett, said.

The Bill, he said, did not require Singapore to join two international copyright conventions which give reciprocal protection to all member countries irrespective of where a work is first produced.

"The Bill should also have a minimum penalty for copyright infringements, or judges will be able to impose small fines of \$Singapore 200 as they do now," Mr Garnett added.

The Bill provides for anyone found guilty of pirating records, cassette tapes, video tapes, books or computer programmes to be fined a maximum \$Singapore 10,000 (£3 070) per copy.

According to official figures almost 30 million fake cassettes were exported from Singapore last year.

Airport alert man charged

From Robert Schmil Amsterdam

Tests have shown that a man arrested at Amsterdam airport this week was in possession of explosives and detonators, Dutch police alleged yesterday.

They said a tin found in his luggage contained 2lb of TNT, and six detonators were concealed in a transistor radio.

The man has been charged with illegal possession of arms.

Police are now working on the assumption that he is a Japanese national aged 33, identified by police only by his initials, YU.

They said the passport had been authenticated. It says he is a resident of Athens, but he is a resident of Amsterdam on Thursday on a regular flight from Belgrade with the Yugoslav airline JAT. He had a Belgrade-Amsterdam return ticket, but had not booked his return flight.

Police said the man denied transporting the explosives and refused to answer further questions.

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Aftermath of Golden Temple action

Sikh ruling party split widens as terrorists resort to random killing

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Though the operation to drive separatist Sikh extremists out of the Golden Temple of Amritsar has been warmly welcomed by spokesmen of all political persuasions outside the troubled state of Punjab, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, the Chief Minister, faces serious trouble over it within his state. Last night, two Punjab ministers resigned from the state Cabinet in protest against the police action. They were Mr Amarinder Singh, the Agriculture Minister, and Mr Sukhinder Singh, the Education Minister. Two other senior Sikh leaders - Mr Prakash Singh Badal and Mr Gurcharan Singh Tohra - resigned from the working committee of the moderate political party. There has been an immediate reaction from the terrorists who, after the police action repressing the holiest Sikh shrine, promised a "crippling" reply. But there has also been signs of deep disagreement

within the ruling Sikh party, the Akali Dal. The terrorist response came with a random massacre at a grain market at Tarn Taran, a centre of militant Sikh activity 25 miles from Amritsar, when five Hindus were killed in indiscriminate firing. Two died on the spot, while three others died in hospital later. The attackers escaped in the dark. A Sikh politician, a member of the Congress (I) party of Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, was assassinated on his own doorstep in the village of Majitha, close by. He answered the door to killers pretending to be visitors, and died immediately. His killers got away on foot. A seventh victim died in a further shooting incident early yesterday. Mr Surjit Singh Barnala visited the temple to see for himself the way the operation had gone. There was heavy security including a

helicopter hovering overhead. Crowds at the temple were larger than they have been for the four months since the militants seized control of it. But a sign of the deep divisions within the Akali party came when the Chief Minister called a joint meeting of the state legislative party and of the working committee to endorse the action of the government. Many members found it convenient to stay away. The absentees included Mr Parkash Singh Badal, a former chief minister, who has never fully reconciled himself to Mr Surjit Singh's leadership. He was consulted by anxious legislators as soon as news of the police action became known. Perhaps the most surprising of the senior absentees was Mr Amarinder Singh, the former Maharajah of Patiala, who has been a close friend of Mr Gandhi.



Mrs Brundtland at the Royal Castle yesterday after Mr Willoch (below) resigned

Labour government on the way in Norway



Oslo (Reuter) - The Norwegian Government resigned yesterday and Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, the opposition Labour Party leader, was expected to announce that she had accepted an invitation to form a minority government. The outgoing Prime Minister, Mr Kaare Willoch, who resigned after his three-party coalition was defeated on an austerity budget vote, handed in his Government's resignation to King Olav. Mrs Brundtland was called to see the King two hours later but declined to say if she had accepted an offer to form a new government. She said she would meet the King again for further talks. Mr Willoch said after his 45-minute meeting with King Olav that Mrs Brundtland faced severe problems. "There are so many heavy decisions waiting for a quick answer that I hope she is able to make a decision quickly," he said.

Haiti resignation calls amid falling support for junta

From Alan Tomlinson, Port-au-Prince

The Haiti military-dominated junta, which only three months ago took over after the overthrow of President Jean-Claude (Baby Doc) Duvalier, faces demands that it should step down. It has lost much of its early support because it has neither eradicated former associates of the Duvaliers from public office, nor brought to trial those accused of political crimes. The junta has also failed to outline a programme of social reform and economic recovery or to set a timetable for the general elections it promised upon taking office. What little credibility it maintained evaporated in the smoke of automatic weapons fire on Saturday, when police opened fire on 3,000 demonstrators who had marched to the notorious Duvalier Fort Dimanche dungeon on the Port-au-Prince dockside, to commemorate those who died during one of the worst periods of oppression under Papa Doc, Baby Doc's father. Four people died from gunshot wounds and three others were electrocuted when overhead power cables severed by police bullets crashed on the rain-drenched crowd. The incident reinforced a growing feeling among Haiti's 6 million people that the removal of the Duvaliers has not in itself brought an end to repression. The head of the interim junta, army chief General Henri Namphy, made a rare television appearance on Sunday night to blame agitators in the crowd for provoking the police. But Mr Silvio Claude, leader of the Democratic Christian Party, one of a number of



opposition groups which have emerged since February, accused former members of Duvalier's Tonton Macoute militia, who were incorporated into the security forces after being disbanded, of responsibility for the shooting. Other government critics called on the junta to resign, but a general strike urged by one prominent opposition figure, Mr Rockefeller Guerrette, failed to materialize this week. The former Justice Minister in the interim Government, Mr Gerard Gougeon, who resigned in March to resume his activities as president of the Haitian Human Rights League, said it remained to be seen how people in the provinces would react to the deaths in the capital. Uprisings in provincial towns and cities forced Mr Duvalier to flee to France on February 7. Amid speculation that a renewal of anti-government demonstrations may be imminent, and fears that right-wing military officers may be contemplating a coup, Western diplomats here described the junta's position as fragile. But few believe that the interim government is in immediate danger of being swept away.

Sri Lankan guerrilla chief snatched

Colombo - Clashes between Sri Lanka's two Tamil guerrilla groups shifted to the eastern province yesterday, with the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization threatening to kill all the rival Liberation Tigers Eelam if their captured leader is harmed (A Correspondent writes). Security forces said that 135 guerrillas of both groups had died this week.

Bouquets and barbed wire for Miss Bhutto

Karachi (Reuter) - Barbed wire barricades, heavy iron gates and several tons of roses await opposition leader Miss Benazir Bhutto when she arrives today for her first rally in Pakistan's largest city. Local authorities have taken unprecedented security measures, cordoning off the airport with more than 100,000ft of barbed wire and mobilizing more than 2,000 police to control crowds, police said. Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party has organized several thousand "People's Guards" and covered Karachi with banners, flags and posters in the party's red, black and green colours. Travel between Karachi airport and the city will be nearly impossible today as supporters line the nine-mile route on which Miss Bhutto is to give 12 speeches.

Inquiry vindicates publication of tapes

Wider use of phone-tapping urged by Australian judge

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney
The bosses of organized crime in Australia slept less easily last night. After years of painfully slow progress, investigators have secured a significant breakthrough. Their jubilation concerns the report of a Royal Commission tabled in Parliament on Wednesday which rules as authentic thousands of hours of taped telephone conversations made between 1968 and 1984. Its importance is that, although they were made illegally, the so-called Age tapes have finally been verified as an extremely valuable accumulation of information on organized crime operations in Australia. The report, by Mr Justice Stewart, head of the national crime authority, vindicates completely the decision two years ago by The Age newspaper in Melbourne to publish extracts of the tapes, which he says were made by otherwise honest police "in the very difficult and often frustrating fight against deeply entrenched organized crime". At the same time, the commission's findings should embarrass those who tried to discredit the newspaper, including Mr Neville Wran, the Labor Prime Minister of New South Wales, who described the tapes as "phony", and a senior minister of the Hawke Labor Government, who dismissed them as "fakes". The full contents of the tapes remain secret. Mr Justice Stewart states in his report that he plans to use them to launch prosecutions against suspected major criminals. He goes on to say that phone-tapping has been a valuable weapon in the war on crime, and recommends that police be granted wider powers to intercept phone conversations - at present confined to drug investigations. Among those whose conversations were illegally monitored and recorded were Mr Morgan Ryan, a prominent Sydney solicitor, and his friend Mr Justice Lionel Murphy, the High Court judge acquitted at a retrial this week of attempting to pervert the course of justice. Another man whose phone

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US admits two nuclear subs ran aground

From Melissa Ali, Washington
Two United States nuclear submarines have run aground in Europe in the past two months, but Navy officials yesterday emphasized that no radiation leaked from their power plants and no crew members were injured. A Navy spokesman said the nuclear-powered attack submarine Atlanta ran aground on Tuesday in the Strait of Gibraltar. There was no damage to its nuclear propulsion system. Atlanta went on to Gibraltar on its own power.

Eight drowned as Kenya is hit by floods

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi
Large areas of Kenya are experiencing the heaviest rains for 10 years - a welcome contrast to recent droughts but one that is bringing problems with many roads impassable, bridges washed away and at least eight people drowned. At times, traffic in central Nairobi has been brought almost to a standstill, with some roads under water. On Thursday the main road north from here was cut when a river burst its banks.

Aids vaccine a decade away

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles
Dr Jay Levy, of the University of California, has told Governor George Deukmejian of California that it will take at least a decade to develop a vaccine against Aids. He is one of the first scientists in the world to isolate the Aids virus. The bleak forecast followed the governor's recent tour of an Aids research laboratory, during which he looked through a microscope at cells taken from the mouth lesions of an Aids patient. The visit came soon after the release of a 100-page report, Aids: a prescription for meeting the needs of 1990, which predicted that California's 4,100 Aids victims would increase to 30,000 by the end of 1990, and the cost of treating those victims would reach \$5 billion (£3.3 billion). Governor Deukmejian has proposed spending \$8 million during the next fiscal year on Aids research, plus another \$2 million in research grants to the University of California for its work in the field. This represents an almost 700 per cent increase in California's Aids funding since 1983. In San Francisco, considered the gay capital of America, Aids researchers are saying that, in view of the time needed to develop a cure, those figures are woefully inadequate. Dr Levy says: "Aids research is seriously underfunded and our progress is greatly compromised." Recent discoveries, he said, had opened whole new areas for research which needed more resources. There has also been severe criticism of the California report's recommendation of mandatory testing of high-risk groups for the presence of antibodies to the disease, and conclusions that up to 30 per cent of those found to have such antibodies can be expected to fall victim to Aids. Dr Robert Anderson, of the California Department of Health, said the worst case scenario is based on a study in a recent issue of the New England Medical Journal, which indicates that 29 per cent of those who developed antibodies, over a four and a half year study period, had developed Aids. But, he added: "The Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta more often uses the figures of from 5 to 20 per cent. Of course our studies are still so very new and so no one really knows for sure at this stage precisely how accurate any of our predictions are." Last week, the Deukmejian administration quickly pulled back from suggestions of mandatory testing, emphasizing that the Health Department was not proposing "indiscriminate testing of members of the public."

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THE TIMES DIARY

Formalities observed

Following yesterday's *Times* story about print workers threatening to pull the plug on *The Observer* if Bernard Levin's article was used, I hear an article by *Observer* science correspondent Robin McKie had to be rewritten. His piece claimed that new technology led to better-produced newspapers with fewer printing jobs. According to one report National Graphical Association men in the composing room blew a fuse. We understand that production director Jim Cox, a Sogat man known for his new-tech fears, harangued editor Donald Treford for half an hour until he got changes. Out went the bit about better papers with fewer staff "print workers" was changed to "compositors"; and the reference to their unnecessary "re-typing" of journalists' stories was changed to "typesetting", presumably to make it sound to the non-specialist reader like a different — and necessary — function. Treford yesterday was playing down the event, denied having had a visit from Cox and said that the complaints from the composing room were about technical inaccuracies. "Their interest was in improving the quality of the piece," said Treford, "and there was no menace or threat." Makes a change.

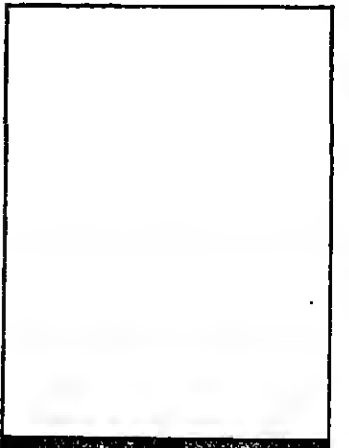
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Want to know how Labour made use of Opposition Day in the Commons this week? Instead of raising Chernobyl or the prisons dispute, they cribbed an early day motion signed by 47 Tory MPs and presented it as their own. The EDM was designed to give succour to the 5.5 million people who suffer as a result of looking after the elderly and disabled. The 47 would, the reasoning presumably went, either have to vote with Labour or stand revealed as hypocrites. At the eleventh hour, however, the government added an amendment to the motion, rendering it meaningless, and the coup fizzled out. "A disgraceful misuse of debating time," said Tory MP Charles Irving, one of those let off the hook.

Cotton club

Dialogue overheard in a London restaurant between Bill Cotton, managing director of BBC TV, and director general Alastair Milne: "He was in tears," said Cotton. "So would you be if you'd been with the BBC for 30 years," replied Milne. Could they have been talking about Richard Francis, who is soon to be succeeded as managing director of BBC Radio?

BARRY FANTONI



'Evening, Comrade. Good to see we have been affected by fall-out'

Book now

The Far Eastern book pirates are getting cheekier. Eric Ellen, director of the London-based Counterfeiting Intelligence Bureau, executive secretary of the International Association of Airport and Seaport Police, former chief constable of the Port of London Authority police, and author of *International Maritime Fraud* — was recently strolling around a bookshop in Taiwan when he noticed a particularly interesting counterfeited book. It was his own.

Anti Social

Workers at the SDP party headquarters in Cowley Street, Westminster, were bemused when they saw an orange Vote Alliance poster displayed prominently in "wet" Energy Secretary Peter Walker's front window. It was only after closer inspection through fly glasses that they were able to see "Don't" scrawled in ink above the slogan.

Vigilant

For two decades, at this time of year, Britain's Russian emigre community has gathered to listen to Radio 3's broadcast of the Russian Orthodox Chorb's mid-night Easter vigil. This year, however, it will not be coming from All Saints Church in Kensington — but Paris. Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh, who conducts the London service, tells me he has been inundated with calls from listeners saying they will miss his familiar bass tones. So allow me to inform them of, as they say, a choice of listening. A broadcast from All Saints relayed by the BBC's Russian Service can be picked up on 231 metres from about 11.40 pm tonight.

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The great charities tax trap

by Andrew Phillips

A legislative time bomb ticks under Britain's charities, buried within section 29 and schedule 7 of the Finance Bill (which implements the Budget) now before Parliament. Unless swiftly defused, the mayhem likely to be created will set back charitable endeavours as never before. Indeed, the major advantages for charities embodied elsewhere in the same bill will become insignificant by comparison.

A charity is exempt from tax on its income and capital gains only to the extent to which these are "applied to charitable purposes only". In November 1979 Mr Justice Slade held — disagreeing with the Inland Revenue — that the Helen Slater Charitable Trust Ltd automatically satisfied that test if it "applied" its income by giving it to another registered charity. The fact that the other charity was closely related — set up by the same people at the same time with the same trustees — was held to be immaterial, as was the fact that the sister charity simply received most of the money for years at a time. Only if the donor charity "knew or ought to have known that the money would be misapplied" would the tax exemption be lost.

As a result of that decision, upheld in May 1981 by the Court of Appeal, a greedy herd of tax chisellers rushed into the breach. A profitable company sets up two "captive" charities. The bulk of

the company's profits are then covenanted to the first charity, so that it and the company are tax-exempt. To make sure of exemption, the charity "applies" the profits by a grant to the second charity, which doesn't use the grants for its charitable purposes, but "invests" the monies by "lending" them on a rolled-up interest basis to another company, which just happens to be registered in a foreign tax haven and is "connected" with the owners of the original business. The tax authorities reckon at least £20 million a year is being lost

The Inland Revenue has gone to great lengths to stop the abuse, but has suffered crippling disadvantages. First, the fact that the existing law on charities is being broken is not something on which the Inland Revenue feels it is equipped to, or should, adjudicate. That is for the Charity Commissioners and/or the Attorney General, advised by the Treasury Solicitor. However, the passing of the critical information by the Inland Revenue to the Charity Commissioners is forbidden (as a matter to be rectified if and when section 31 of the bill is enacted). Furthermore, the commission is so understaffed it probably could not make effective use of the facts. Dealing with more than 150,000 charities, it does not have a qualified staff accountant.

In preparing their anti-avoidance measures there has been no external consultation by the Inland Revenue, not even with the Charity Commissioners, on the grounds that this might alert transgressors. Working blind, therefore, the framers of the new laws have created a byzantine trap that is liable to catch the innocent far more often than the guilty. The bill establishes a new triple classification for charities — public, private and indirect — into and out of which they are liable to slip from year to year. Among the criteria for gauging what type of charity you are, the bill provides three complicated ratios — the 25 per cent all-funds test; the 75 per cent taxable receipts test and the 90 per cent expenditure test. Each is based on different combinations of data; each will have to be reassessed annually.

Many activist charities depend on financing from the grant-giving charities. In many cases they will have to satisfy two moving targets at the same time, because of uncertainty over the status of both the giving charity and the receiving one. Frequently one or both of them will not know into which classification they fall until their accountants tell them at the end of the financial year. Many of the most-needed and dynamic charities are those which will fall into this category, especially in their early years.

Furthermore, to escape the "private indirect" net trustees will be obliged to spend up to the bill.

There would be no chance of strategic planning to build reserves for major initiatives — or building, for example, a fund to rebuild a village hall, repair the church, buy a bus for a school. For those with fluctuating needs and uncertain funding, planning and growth will be nigh-impossible. In their zeal to catch the rogues, the Inland Revenue has also put at risk membership charities such as the National Trust and Women's Institute. Large, unexpected one-off gifts are also likely to cause a problem. Independent schools and colleges could also be caught by schedule 7 in years when they are running appeals.

There is no viable substitute for enforcing the existing general charity law. An attempt to do so by this tax trap inevitably leads either to inordinate, unfair complexity or to excessive, unfair crudity. The proposed new law snares thousands of charities in every definition and category it will create. Already those who have some understanding of what is involved, such as Charities Aid Foundation, believe the cost in in-house expenses and professional fees will far exceed the revenue loss being staunch. One wonders how great an extra burden it will place on revenue staff, and how much better it would be to divert the expertise and expense into beefing up Charity Commission enforcement.

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Richard North on ecology's new crusade to improve African farming

A food chain with a future

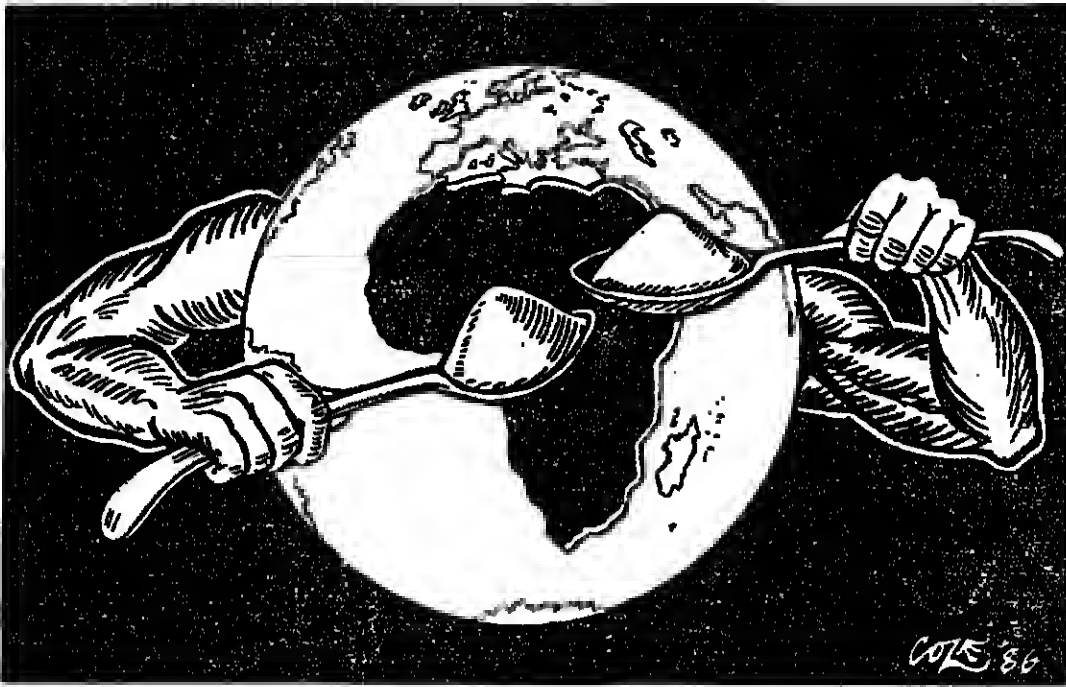
Baroness Karen Blixen, writing as Isak Dinesen, introduces her book *Out of Africa* with the words: "I had a farm in Africa." This is no longer the attractive prospect it once seemed. When Blixen's coffee farm went bankrupt in 1931, Africa had perhaps five people per square kilometre. Now, in the year in which the film of her book won seven Oscars, there are nearly 18 in Africa; as elsewhere in the world, the race is now on to establish what has come to be called "sustainable development" — a way of trying to help the farmers and foresters of poorer countries to prosper without exhausting the land.

Some of the impetus for this has come from international curiosity about land and food awakened by the Ethiopian famine, but it is also a product of the growth to maturity of the environmental movement. Policies have been refined during the years of declining support that followed the 1960s and 1970s: the pressure groups have had to search for a message that can command mass political support.

Sustainable development is about to receive heavy exposure to a mass audience. It is the subject of three major television series next year: two British, one American, which all show that there are methods of farming appropriate to poorer countries that make optimum use of precious fertilizer, pesticide and water.

One of the pioneers of the idea of sustainable development was the late Barbara Ward (Lady Jackson), a Catholic academic who worked for a time for *The Economist*. Her *Only One Earth* (written with Rene Dubos in 1972) has given its name to the BBC-resentive series, being produced by an independent film company associated with her brainchild, the International Institute for Environment and Development, and its information wing, Earthscan.

Sustainable development grew out of the environmental movement, which really took off after the UN Conference on Human



Environment held in Stockholm in 1972. It was acknowledged that man's activity had made patches of the world unpleasant to live in, and that population pressures threatened to make the problem worse. But it was also recognized that in the poorer parts of the world man's very future was being threatened: people were too poor to farm as though tomorrow mattered, and the soil was simply blowing away.

Gradually, the understanding grew that it was possible to increase the amount of food grown by combining traditional methods with modern ecological knowledge. This idea gained currency just as another solution to the world food problem started to go out of fashion: the notion that the population should be curbed at all costs. We were told to concentrate on feeding new mouths rather than bemoaning their existence. Affluence, it was argued, reduced birth-rates faster than hectoring.

The new thinking fitted well with the growing influence of the anti-abortion movement, particularly in the US. Here, President Reagan's advisers emphasized — perhaps more than was necessary — the productive capacity of the earth, taking their cue from the late Herman Kahn's book, *The Resourceful Earth*. Kahn had rebutted the dire warnings of President Carter's Council for Environmental Quality, which in 1980 had predicted disaster if present trends continued.

The new, anthropocentric view of the world did not initially go down well with the old school of naturalists and conservationists.

A generation of men and women who had wanted to save the declining stock of wild animals and their habitat had become entrenched in a "freeze and save" mentality. The question is whether productivity has to be hopelessly at odds with wildlife and wilderness. A growing body of opinion among environmentalists and naturalists suggests that it does not. A reconciliation is emerging between the two groups, based on the belief that just as agriculture has to conform to certain biological rules, so there may also be a role for pure, or nearly pure, wilderness.

Some wilderness habitats may be wilderness because that is what they do best. The tropical rain forest will be more fruitful as a source of tropical rain forest products than as a hamburger farm on bulldozed and fast-eroding soils. But when someone does have a productive and sustainable idea for using the land instead of leaving the trees in place, it should be up to the rich world to buy or rent it as a reserve if it feels that in the long term the land would be more productive left as it is.

These ideas are proving attractive to a generation of idealists who were the drop-out of the 1960s. They now want to agitate for change within or alongside the aid agencies they would have despised in their hot-headed days. Many of them see purchasing power as the best means of effecting the changes they seek. Even so, the sustainable development movement may take some time to realize that enterprise (and

ensuring that the profit filters through to the peasants) is the key to motivating poor farmers.

The new International Tropical Timber Organization — whose potentially bright future is threatened at present by the inability of its members to agree on a headquarters location — is the sort of mechanism that might work. A grouping of those countries that produce and consume tropical timber, its avowed intention is to make timber-growing considerably more profitable for poor countries. The organization has promulgated a commodities agreement which, for the first time anywhere, incorporates the idea that the crop should be managed and harvested sustainably.

This offers the hope that timber can be grown and sold in such a way that the forest ensures the logger a harvest in the future. It offers the hope that we in the rich world can buy our hardwood knowing that we have done something to help the forest and give the people working in it a living. The prospect has united the World Wildlife Fund, the International Institute for Environment and Development, Friends of the Earth, much of the timber trade, the UK Department of Trade and Industry — and the foresters.

Here there are the makings of a structure that would encourage equitable and sustainable development for man together with a respect for wild habitats.

The author's book, *The Real Cost (Chatto & Windus, £7.95)*, is an account of the human and environmental costs of 30 products.

A glimmer of hope for Mandela

Nicholas Ashford on the Commonwealth's chances of making a deal with Pretoria

When "Sonny" Ramphal, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, announced the composition of the organization's "eminent persons group" on South Africa late last year, few people thought its seven members stood much chance of defusing the apartheid time bomb. Eminent its members may have been. But an ex-president, an ex-prime minister, two ex-foreign ministers, a former chancellor of the exchequer, an archbishop and a dame hardly seemed a match for one of the most ruthless governments in the world.

The odds on the group actually getting "Patria" and "representative" black leaders to begin a dialogue leading to the dismantling of apartheid are still heavily weighted against them. But, as Malcolm Fraser and General Olusegun Obasanjo, the co-chairmen, prepare to lead their team to South Africa for a second visit later this month, there is a glimmer of hope that they may persuade Nelson Botha to agree to release Nicolson Mandela, the imprisoned black nationalist leader — a step that could mark the beginning of a genuine black-white dialogue.

When the group first visited the country in March the South Africans were initially reluctant to let them even meet Mandela.

Eventually they had a 50-minute private session with him in Pollsmoor prison outside Cape Town. They were deeply impressed, finding him to be a man of moderate views who showed few signs of bitterness for the 23 years he has spent in jail. They were disappointed, therefore, when they were harangued by Botha a few hours later about how Mandela was an extremist and a paid agent of the Soviet Union whose continued incarceration was the responsibility of black militants who wanted him to die in prison and become a martyr.

Before leaving Cape Town the group left a memorandum with Botha listing proposals they felt were preconditions for beginning a black-white dialogue. They included the release of Mandela and other political prisoners, a lifting of the ban on the African National Congress and the dismantling of key apartheid laws. They made it clear that unless they derived some encouragement from his reply, the report they are to deliver to Commonwealth heads of government later this summer would almost certainly lead to renewed demands for economic sanctions.

Botha's reply was received shortly before the group began two days of talks in London this week. Talks that included secret contacts with a special South African emissary, Carl von Hirschberg, the deputy director-general for foreign affairs. The reply is being kept private, but the fact that the group decided at their London meeting to make a return visit implies Botha has indicated he wants to co-operate — although it is unclear whether he is just stringing them along.

The South Africans have, in fact, already met some of the group's requirements. The state of emergency has been lifted, pass laws have been scrapped and Botha has been dropping ambiguous hints about offering an amnesty to ANC members who are "not Communists". But Mandela remains a sticking point. Botha is understood to want to see him released but wants him to renounce violence first. He would have difficulty in getting his recalcitrant right-wingers to accept anything less. Botha also wants to make sure that if Mandela is released the Commonwealth will

guarantee there will be no new sanctions.

The group is understandably wary about making any such commitment. The Commonwealth would almost certainly not agree to such a pledge. Furthermore, members of the group are concerned that Botha may be trying to play them along as he did the five-nation western "contact group" in Namibia to buy time for an "interim settlement" with tribal leaders, "moderate" urban blacks, Coloured and Indian parliamentarians.

It is nine years since the "contact group" was set up, yet a Namibian settlement remains as elusive as ever. The eminent persons have no desire to be in business beyond the summer when the Commonwealth is due to consider their report. Suggestions from the South Africans that the group should take on a longer-term role as honest broker will be resisted.

However, if they were to succeed in producing Mandela's release there would be a lot of pressure for them — or at least some members — to remain in the brokering business. The British would want it. So would the Americans. As one American diplomat observed: "The Commonwealth initiative is the only show in town at present."

Sarah Hogg

Wheels within summits

The most embarrassing word in the vocabulary of this weekend's summit is "economic". I do not mean simply that the annual business of summits is a most uneconomical process, though the sheer numbers of security guards, journalists and cameramen cao sometimes make it feel like the most unproductive work-creation scheme in the industrial world. The real embarrassment is the obvious preference of the summiters for talking about anything other than economics.

The beads of government of the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada — with the president of the European Commission along for the ride — are assembling in Tokyo for a meeting that will bring this series of world economic summits to a round dozen. On more than one occasion it has been discreetly suggested that the "economic" label should be dropped: it did, indeed, nearly disappear with the last summit hosted by the Americans in 1983.

Ironically, that was just about the last summit to take an economic initiative: at Williamsburg it was agreed, to shut up President Mitterrand, that an exceedingly protracted study of the international monetary system should be carried out by a group of officials from finance ministries. Rather to everyone's surprise, this group's sublimely unprovocative report coincided with a change in attitude towards exchange-rate management and is now set to be an important stepping-stone to today's currency co-operation.

At the London summit in 1984 the economic label was firmly back in place, to be almost equally firmly ignored. This summit saw the full development of technique of tossing out "declarations" on the first day in order to keep the journalistic wolves away from statesmen's sledges. The "declaration of democratic values" has faded quietly into diplomatic history; but at least it looked a little fresher than the London economic communiqué, which Mrs Thatcher found so tedious that she edited it before reading it out.

The summiters who met in Bonn last summer did, to be fair, manage to work up a genuine economic quarrel over the international trade negotiations proposed by President Reagan. But this was as much a reflection of French pique as of fundamental economic differences.

This year, too, the summiters have plenty to disagree about: economic affairs, the pattern of exchange rates, interest rates and trade imbalances. And for once, the lowlier members of the summit club — Italy and Canada — have a real economic gripe, and

have not simply come along to appear in the family photographs. They want to be included in the "Group of Five" finance ministers of the bigger economies that has been half-managing the exchange-rate system since last September.

Once again, however, the attention of the summiters will be mainly focused elsewhere. A senior official "sherpas" — one of those officials who hold as many as four mini-summits of their own preparing the ground for their leaders — gave the game away last week. Asked whether it was not time that the economic label was dropped, he replied stoutly that all governments were determined to revive the economic purpose of the summits, and that politics would effectively be kept to the sidelines. Asked a moment later about a key point in connection with currency and interest-rate management, he replied equally briskly that this could safely be left to the meetings of finance ministers (who accompany their leaders to fill in the occasional gaps in their economic knowledge).

The serious question, of course, is whether this touring farce should be brought to the end of its run. The traditional defence of summits is that, no matter what heads of government talk about, the real and lasting benefit is the familiarity a two-day meeting gives them with each other. On this view, indeed, the less there is of real importance to talk about, the better. A second defence is that there is still value in obliging heads of government to subscribe to a platitudinous but virtuous economic communique once a year, even if they spend the two preceding days chatting about other things. For example, summit governments' resistance to protectionist pressures cao, for what it is worth, be attributed in part to their leaders' obligation to retake the free-trade pledge at every summit. Even this sounds apologetic — but there is a less obvious and rather better defence, of particular validity this year.

It is not easy for these seven world leaders to convene ad hoc summits on particular issues — such as the bombing of Libya, or the questions now banging over the world's nuclear industry — without elevating them from a diplomatic problem to an international crisis. It is convenient to have an annual occasion at which these can be aired. On this view, the farce of economic concerns is actually useful, as a smokescreen for other matters. And if world leaders are obliged by the conventions of summits to break off their exciting dinner-table talk in order to learn about the world economy — well, maybe that does oo harm, either.

Philip Howard

You grunted, Empress?

Oink-oink. Grunt. Man-boo-oo-o-o-ey. I am not really much of a reading boar. But the swineherd who runs this bottom right-hand sty of the farmyard on alternate Saturdays has asked me to review a book published today: *A History of the British Pig* by Julian Wiseman (Duckworth, £12.95). He seems a pig-loving sort of chap, and the name Hog-ward suggests that he is in the hogging business. So I have agrunted. My name? Wrekin. Napoleono of the Prince, actually, if you want a title in the byline to lend distinction to your rag. You have heard of my mother, the Empress of Blandings. Famous old Black Berkshire sow. Still holds the world record for having won the silver medal in the Fat Pigs class for 10 years from the 87th to the 97th annual Shropshire Agricultural Show. The mater's getting on a bit now, of course. Between you and me, she's pretty well gaga. But the poor old porca still lives it up in style in the dower sty. Keeps on her major domo, or as we pigs say, more elegantly think, *major domo*. Daddled by an old fool called George Cyril Well-beloved. As far as I can remember he was a doddering old fool even when I was a piglet.

Well, the first thing I want to say about this book on the most interesting subject in the world is that pigs have had a poor human press. Not much in literature and painting, and then usually malicious, as in Orwell's book. And yet pigs have a heroic past. There was the prodigious Erymanthian boar, who had to perform 12 superporcine labours. His fourth labour was so to terrify a monstrous king called Eurystheus that he hid himself in a brazen vessel for several days. In our epic poem called *The Pigiad* the hero perennally scars a minor character called Odysseus while hunting him, and a wicked witch called Circe changes pigs into humans. Scandinavian and Celtic myth, and painters like the Bruegels, show pigs in a heroic light.

The human stereotype of pigs as dirty and greedy is ignorant. We were the third animal to be domesticated by man, after the dog and the sheep, as early as the neolithic age. If you give us a separate sleeping compartment in our sty, we never dirty that. After the cat, we are the cleanest, most intelligent of domestic animals.

O. Hambone, what a falling off was there, from that golden age when pig and man lived together as heroic brothers and rivals. This book traces the sorry story. The

trouble arises from man's cannibal inclinations. Pig was considered meat for the working classes, inferior to venison, beef, and mutton. This may explain why there is so little about us in human art and literature. Aod because what mattered for the workers was quantity not quality, humans bred us into masses of obesity to feed them through the winter.

There is heroism as well as tragedy in this book. I think of the portrait of old Penelope Blandings in 1809: grand Old English sow; distant cousin, of course. At the age of four she weighed 12cwt, and dwarfs the puny Regency gent standing beside her, which is going it a bit even by mother's standards. The book traces recent developments: the demand for



leaner meat: the bloody Danes; and the emergence of new breeds such as the Camorough, the Polstead, and the Lincoln Curly Coat, sexy little thing. The chapter on how the Black Berkshire lost its white extremities you may omit. It is somewhat too sensational.

The book is hopelessly anthropocentric. But what do you expect from a man but a grunt. Its bias will be corrected by the book, with the working title of *A History of the British Human*, being written by my cousin Tusker.

In the mean time, this book fills a gap in the trough. There is of course White's *On The Care of the Pig*, with its noble chapter about swill and bran-meat. *Discourse in Pigs and British Pigs* are well known. This new recruit is welcome. Its scholarship is sound though blinkered. The pictures are amusing. And it tastes delicious. (A sort of guly, gurgly, plobby, squishy, wofflesome squad, like a thousand eager men drinking soup in a foreign restaurant.)

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MANAGING THE JAILS

In its dispute with the prison officers, the Government risks making the same mistakes that damaged both its reputation and the public interest in the dispute with teachers. Already voices can be heard alleging that the timing of the dispute was wrong and that presentation has been ill-managed. The Government is accordingly perceived as responsible for a spectacular breakdown (in the nation's jails on Wednesday night) in public service provision.

The charges are, for the most part, unjustified. And when they are made by the Labour Party, posing as the friend of the prison officer, they are faintly risible. Their rebuttal will be made the easier if the Government sticks to a simple message, relayed to both public and public servants.

It is a message that Sir Keith Joseph signally failed to get over in education. It concerns public services that for too long, under both parties, were allowed to expand without either qualitative or quantitative controls linking expenditure to output. When government finally reasserts control over public services, it inevitably faces painful choices and trade union resistance to boot. But that moment must surely come.

Yet there is a difference between suddenly confronting public servants with the entirety of their traditional practices, and a more gradual attempt to wrest back managerial prerogatives. Nor is there any necessary connexion between the "new public sector managerialism" (which will certainly rank as one of the Thatcher era's achievements)

and short-run savings of public money. In education, Sir Keith's attempt to assail teachers for managerial failings while attempting both to enlist their cooperation in a range of new projects and simultaneously to extract maximum savings from educational expenditure can now be seen to have been overambitious in intent and damaging in execution.

The prison dispute has exhibited some of the same faults. The Government's objective was irreproachable. The great volume of overtime worked by officers is a ready symbol of how far mismanagement of the prison service has gone. But Ministers seem to have gone about reducing it in a hasty way that was interpreted as provocation.

They now seem to accept that a necessary corollary of cutting overtime is either increasing manpower, or raising the basic rates of prison pay, or perhaps both. It would have been better if such a package had been laid before the public before cash limits had been imposed on individual jails. The POA is a deeply conservative group of public servants who on this occasion have presented an intransigent front. But they are patently not an "enemy within" and there should be a limit to rhetorical scapegoating.

John Stuart Mill contended that civilized society depended for its refinement on "peculiar and narrow classes" of public officials to which it could delegate its dirty work of detecting, processing and incarcerating law breakers. Prison officers are one such class. Their peculiarity should

not emancipate them from the application of Financial Management Initiatives, but the indispensable need for their services should also be recognized.

Mill went on to say the work of delegation was subtle. It could only be achieved by a "perfection of mechanical arrangements impracticable in any but a high state of civilization." Those arrangements well and truly broke down this week and the vandalism of Northeye showed what they had been doing.

Yesterday the arrangements seemed back in place. (And of course the all-important liaison between governors and local police forces had not been impaired.) Talks are to be held. The risk is that the Government will appear weak under pressure, one minute insisting on rigorous cash limits, the next entertaining the POA to coffee and cakes at Queen Anne's Gate. That impression must be dispelled. Negotiation there must be — but it must take place within a clearly defined context of managerial reform.

The slogan of the new managerialism bears repetition. It is value for money: maximum output for minimum cost of public money, which entails ending restrictive practices and the trade union veto. But it does not, in the short run, encompass expenditure savings. Mr Hurd needs if not a blank cheque, then some fair degree of latitude, provided he can continue to show that the money is being used to buy out another set of traditional work practices that keep British productivity down.

SKY HIGH TOO LONG

The European Community was this week offered the opportunity of another small but welcome reduction in restrictive trade practices, and the world's airline industry has moved a little closer to the free market. The verdict of the European Court of Justice against the French government's challenge to the right of a French travel agency to set its own bargain air prices, without official approval, is much to be welcomed. It endorses both the British government's campaign for cheaper air fares and the European Commission's battle in Brussels to break the existing stranglehold on fares which results from the collusion of main air lines with national governments.

Provided the judgment is followed through in good faith by all member-governments, it should lead to greater competition and thus a reduction in the cost of flying within Europe. The model has been established by the de-regulation of air fares in the United States which lowered fares substantially on the main routes. Economies have followed, with wage and staff cuts

and the closure of some loss-making airlines. Some fares on the less frequented rural routes are dearer and need a subsidy. But insofar as subsidies are justified, they should be overt rather than covert.

Even before the full effects of deregulation had been felt, however, there was a marked disparity between European internal air fares and the cost of domestic flying within the United States. Citing 1983 figures in his study *Sky High*, published by the Adam Smith Institute, Dr Sean Barrett points out that average fare levels within Europe are now two-and-a-half times dearer than internal American fares. For instance, the cost of flying the 598 miles between Frankfurt and Rome is \$237, but to fly the 590 miles between Denver and Phoenix costs only \$173. Likewise, the flight from Stockholm to Rome (1,200 miles) costs \$491 compared to the \$278 for that from Houston to Salt Lake City (also 1,200 miles). Disparities are likely to be still more marked after more than two years in which deregulation has progressed apace.

It would not, however, do to

be too sanguine on the strength of the European Court's finding. Different governments within the Community take different attitudes on this matter. The British and the Dutch favour liberalisation; West Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg have allowed some dilution of restrictions upon competition; but France and Italy have been strongly resistant. Air fares in practice have to be negotiated with national governments. The French remain convinced that planned and controlled air traffic is in their national interest (it helps to reserve traffic for the state air line) and insist on maintaining the present fare regime.

Bearing in mind the successful history of national governments in resisting decisions taken centrally in the Community, it would be wrong to underestimate their will or capacity to do so in this matter. But an opportunity has been opened up for the British government, when it shortly assumes the presidency of the EEC, to increase the pressure on other national governments to accept greater competition in the air. Sir Geoffrey Howe should make the most of it.

FOURTH LEADER

We must move with the times, the Prime Minister, among others, tells us so, and in any case we would sooner or later have worked it out for ourselves. But the question is: how far? And it has been answered this week from the most unexpected quarter, and in the most unequivocal terms. The poachers, it seems, are leading the way.

Once upon a time a poacher was a man in a floppy hat with a slightly furtive demeanour and very large pockets. He tiptoed through the woods at night, invariably alone, and at the end of his stroll the squire was a pheasant or two short. There was also a riparian variety, with a similar effect upon the local salmon.

No more, the Standing Conference on Countryside Sports was told on Tuesday, by the Chief Constable of Gloucestershire, that poaching is now the preserve of well-equipped gangs who are practising a form of mass production; they travel in Land Rovers carrying inflatable boats and radios, the last presumably being for

communication rather than entertainment. One wonders what they use on the pheasants' machine-guns?

And what next? Brandy for the parson in a thousand-gallon steel vat? Bacon for the clerk by the half-ton? (Watch the wall, my darling, as the gentlemen go by, but it may take them half an hour.) And what effect is all this going to have on the gamekeeper? Much hope he will have, with nothing but a walking-stick or possibly an old-fashioned shotgun, against the new-style enemy — soon to be equipped, at this rate, with the most up-to-date laser technology and a fleet of helicopters.

The Times used to have a regular Saturday feature about field sports, and on one occasion it began "This has been a very bad year for partridges". Those who read on discovered that what the writer meant was that very few had been shot and eaten, so that it had really been a very good year for the succulent little fellows. But now it seems that there will never more be a good year, in

the second sense, for any game, whether fish or fowl or fur.

Besides, think of all those diners in expensive London restaurants eating grouse on the 13th of August under the impression that their year-long deep-frozen dinner had been shot the day before and rushed south; longing to find a pellet of lead on the plate to give the right authentic touch, they are more likely to bite on a metal tag marked "Batch 577 — to reorder please telephone the number on the other side".

We cannot complain. Economic efficiency, and increased productivity, come in many different shapes, and the modern man of the woods has only taken to heart what he has been told of the nation's needs. "Oh, 'tis my delight, on a shining night, in the season of the year", thus sang, long ago, the Lincolnshire Poacher. But what chance will he have now, to savour his delight, amid the roar of the Land Rovers, the putt-putt of the inflatable boats, and the crackle of the walkie-talkies? Another occupation gone.

In place of Sir Keith

From Lord Beloff, FBA
Sir, When the Prime Minister comes to appoint a new Secretary of State for Education and Science I hope she will take the opposite view to that expressed in your leader of April 29. "Whoever it is should be a de-centraliser, not a centraliser".
On the contrary, the troubles of

the educational system largely spring from the way in which authority is divided between central and local government and from the folly and incompetence of many local authorities.
What we need above all is a secretary of state determined to assert the national interest in a vigorous and effective system of education and willing to go direct

to the schools over the heads of local authorities where this proves necessary. Otherwise our European and Japanese competitors who do not suffer from the fetish of local responsibility will continue to gain upon us.
Yours truly,
BELOFF,
House of Lords,
April 29.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Call for new farm price policy

From Lord Walton
Sir, You quote, in your leading article of April 26 entitled "Still a funny farm policy", Mr Lofing as saying that the Luxembourg agreement on farm prices was a "major step forward". It is nothing of the kind.

For many years the Commission has attempted to pursue a "prudent price policy" in the hope of reducing surpluses. As you state, in the last two years farm prices have been subject to cuts of 3½ per cent and 4 per cent. You also note that this "to the UK farmer, however, will mean a substantial increase in price because of devaluation of the 'green pound'".

May I remind you that, because of the failure of the price policy, the Commission was forced, two years ago, to introduce hurriedly an ill-thought-out system of individual quotas for each dairy farmer. In spite of price pressure and quotas, surpluses continue to mount, as does the cost of the CAP (common agricultural policy). At the same time, largely because of the dumping of wheat surpluses on the world market, the Community is threatened by the USA with a trade war.

There is urgent need for recognition that a price policy that is politically feasible has failed, and will continue to fail, to stem both the amount and the cost of surpluses. In company with the USA, which is also faced with a similar problem, and members of the Commonwealth and Third World, the EEC must evolve a new system.

Cornish mining cri de coeur

From Mr Charles Hall
Sir, Today the Cornwall County Council voted to give £20,000 per week for two weeks to Geevor Mine. A pathetic gesture and an abuse of ratepayers' money, but perhaps a genuine cry from the Cornish heart.

No Cornishman has ever suggested that he should not stand on his own feet nor let his company stand the test of profitability, but if a government intervenes then a government has a responsibility. The International Tin Council was not Cornwall's child so why should it pay for its delinquency? Yours faithfully,
CHARLES HALL,
The House at Gwinnear, Hayle, Cornwall, April 29.

From Mrs Sandra C. Rowell
Sir, Recently our church commissioned a wooden font cover to be carved with emblems of our parish's traditional primary industries: a fish, a tractor, and a tin miner's helmet. Fishing and farming have suffered the constraints of the EEC, and now Geevor, our local tin mine, and the rest of Cornwall's tin mines may close. What emblems shall we carve on our font cover now: an ice cream, a windbreak and a bottle of suntan oil? Yours faithfully,
SANDRA C. ROWELL,
Pendenn Vicarage, Penzance, Cornwall, May 2.

ON THIS DAY

MAY 3 1904
The Times never believed that London was the centre of affairs. This article, originally more than 3,000 words long, by Dr Arthur Shadwell, well illustrates its interest in the manufacturing towns of the North.

THE BRADFORD EXHIBITION

(From our Special Correspondent.)
BRADFORD, May 2
The Bradford Exhibition, which will be opened on Wednesday next by the Prince and Princess of Wales, comes very opportunely at a time when English manufacturers are under a sort of cloud, and it deserves particular attention not only for what it is, but for a great deal more that it represents. The Yorkshire folk are not given to despondency or to an extravagant sense of their own greatness, and it is appropriate that one of the great Yorkshire towns should come forward at the present juncture to uphold the credit of industrial England.
This exhibition is not of the kind known as "international"; that word does not appear. It is a Bradford exhibition, intended to display Bradford products. Bradford appears to have taken a hint from the United States and to have adopted that deliciously American maxim, "Don't grumble, boost!" The word "boost" is good American; it seems to be compounded of "boom" and "boast", and means putting a good face on things, praising up yourself and your concerns and making the most of them.
Now I have reason to believe that a spirit has arisen in the Bradford district which is resolved to assert the claims of English industry and to let the world know that there is plenty of life in the old firm yet. No better scene could be chosen for the purpose. The ground is historic. In the 14th century this area was already famous for its woollen trade, and throughout the vast time and weaving plant came originally from Yorkshire, and still comes from there. Neither Germany nor America can do without it. Both are gaining ground in this direction. Germany especially, in her slow and sure way, is becoming more and more self-sufficing, and buys few or no looms from England now; but for the earlier processes of manufacture, and particularly for combing, the English machines stand alone. No less may be said of the mills. Bradford was a pioneer in modern textile machinery, the building of cottages, and the provision of advantages for the workpeople. In premises, plant, equipment, and organization the great mills of the district cannot be matched. It will, I think, be admitted that Bradford has some grounds for self-assertion and for declining to let others reap where she has sown, without saying a word for herself.
The main exhibition building is a large hall, in that style which has been gradually evolved by a long succession of these displays, and may be called the exhibition style. Its chief features are white walls, red roofs, towers, cupolas, and ornamental plaster facades. The architects are Mr J. Ledingham and Mr F. E. P. Edwards, who are to be congratulated on the result. The building looks very well from the outside, and is exceptionally convenient inside. It covers about 60,000 square feet, and consists of a main aisle and six transverse aisles. Happily, however, it is possible to give a little more information to those whom it may concern, as a technical description has been thoughtfully supplied, from which I take the liberty of quoting sufficient to give readers who understand such matters an idea of the character of the articles exhibited:
Sir Titus Salt and Co (Limited). — 1, Black mohair gown made over white glacé silk; 2, sea-green mohair dress made over silk; 3, ball-dress of pale blue mohair made over soft taffeta silk; 4, afternoon visiting-gown of a lovely champagne shade, made of fine mohair; 5, a very pretty shade of Sicilian, between a pink and heliotrope; 6, a summer calling-gown of pale heliotrope mohair; 7, long theatre wrap in pale blue Umritza cloth; and 14 others...
At the end of the central aisle is the stand of the Bradford Technical College, an institution which is beginning to exercise an important influence on the local industries and is destined to exercise one of increasing importance...

Nuclear accident

From Mr G. J. Sasse
Sir, It is a sad reflection of how *The Times* has changed that your first response to the Chernobyl disaster is not one of Christian concern and sympathy for those Russian people who have died, are dying, and will die in this terrible accident. Instead you issue two leading articles (April 30) on "Nuclear paranoia" which speak volumes about your preoccupations.

I hope the Russian people do learn somehow that there are still British people who grieve and have sympathy for them in their nightmarish nightmare.
Yours faithfully,
G. J. SASSE,
22 Ashdale Road, Helmsley, York.

From Mr Simon Kidner
Sir, Your leading article, "Nuclear paranoia 2" (April 30), dismisses fears of a similar accident in this country as irrational. That may be so in peacetime. But does not the process itself give a potential

Left-handed lion

From Dr David Ryckoff
Sir, In Nicholas Shakespeare's article on the Swaziland coronation (April 26) the claim that tradition requires that the heir to the throne must be left-handed seems odd, considering that one potential Swazi royal heir in the 19th century was in fact disqualified through his left-handedness. Further light from Swaziland on this point would be interesting.

It was also rather surprising to read that, before the coronation, "Every day a Captain Watts, seconded from Kneller Hall, the Army School of Music, has been training a band to play the national anthem..."

In fairness to the Swaziland Umbuto Defence Force Band, I think it should be added that what they were being taught was not Swaziland's national anthem (which they have been playing regularly for nearly 18 years now) but the national anthems of some 30 other countries, so that each visiting dignitary might be appropriately greeted on arrival.
Also on the agenda were other items required for the coronation — and incidentally, Captain Stuart Watts is a Director of Music from the Blues and Royals (though of course his original training was at Kneller Hall). Another British contribution was a BBC tape of the Royal Artillery Band at Woolwich, playing a new royal fanfare and five other pieces based on traditional Swazi tunes, for Swaziland radio and television.
Yours sincerely,
DAVID RYCKOFF,
University of London,
School of Oriental and African Studies,
Department of Africa,
Malet Street, WC1,
April 27.

Selling off water

From Mr D. A. Towers
Sir, The letter (April 23) from Mr John Patten, Minister for Housing, Urban Affairs and Construction, if taken literally should give all ratepayers cause for concern. He states that not only water and sewerage assets but also debts were transferred to the new water authorities when they were created in 1974. He therefore asserts that the proceeds of any sales will be paid into the Exchequer for the benefit of the general taxpayer.

I do hope he will bear in mind that in the majority of cases the actual debt remained with individual local councils, only the liability to repay the debt transferred to

the water authorities. Oswestry Borough Council is amongst the smallest in the country and yet it still has £1 million of water authority debt outstanding on its books which is being repaid by the water authority in annual instalments.

If the water authority is sold the borough council will obviously expect to receive settlement of the debt, or at least a continuation of the annual instalments.
Yours faithfully,
D. A. TOWERS,
Chief Executive and Director of Finance,
Council of the Borough of Oswestry,
Castle View, Oswestry, Shropshire.

Architects' insurance

From Mr A. H. Dutton
Sir, Lord Hailsham is to be admired for defending the rights of the private individual in the report stage of his Bill on latent damage. In doing so, however, he is placing much of the architectural and structural engineering profession in the same position of injustice.

The majority of those professions consist of small practices with one or two partners. However carefully they carry out their work there is always a small risk that a problem might occur as every building is in effect its own prototype.

To cover that risk it is normal to take out professional indemnity insurance which takes the form of an annual premium covering any claims made during that year. The cost of such insurance is spiralling rapidly in anticipation of the extended "long stop" period, and if the American lead is to be followed, it may soon be impossible to obtain professional indemnity insurance at all.

The real injustice is to partners of practices which have wound up and to retired partners. To protect themselves, they will now need to carry insurance for at least a further 15 years at a cost which will be unaffordable and, incidentally, is not tax deductible.

Failure to carry such insurance has resulted in widows and the estates of dead architects and structural engineers being hounded for every last penny.

If the Bill is to stand, then additional legislation is required to create an environment where it will be possible to obtain suitable insurance to cover one's working life and one's retirement and which protects our wives and children from potential destruction. Perhaps then we will be able to sleep at night.
Yours faithfully,
A. H. DUTTON,
Oakbank, Bagshot Road, Brookwood, Surrey.

Busy old bees

From Mr J. H. Crawford
Sir, Dr Elizabeth Hallam (April 23) rightly says that people in eleventh-century Norman England had to rely on honey to sweeten their drinks while the medieval upper classes used beeswax for their candles.

Colonies of bees were gathered from swarms of wild bees and hived in conical straw skeps or the like. When the honey, perhaps no more than 20 lb per skep, and the wax were harvested the colony was destroyed.
Extrapolating Dr Harry Riches's (April 12) 1,441 hives in Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk to the whole of England might give us, say, 20,000 colonies which, at circa 20 lb per skep, would give us a total output, fragmented and

highly localised, of about 400,000 lb, or 181.6 tonnes of honey.

Wax? Maybe 1½ lb per skep, which might amount to 30,000 lb, or 13.6 tonnes of beeswax.
Today we have 179,461 colonies owned by 33,750 beekeepers. Usable production per hive in England today, given an average season, amounts to 14 kg per colony. Thus, our output is circa 2,512 tonnes of honey and only minute quantities of recoverable wax. Wax is imported from Africa and Asia, mainly for foundation, polishes, cosmetics and medications.

The 12 EEC member states between them have 6,654,433 colonies of bees. They produced 77,000 tonnes of honey in 1984, or 11.57 kg of honey per colony. Imports of honey into the EEC in 1984 amounted to 129,000 tonnes.

US and Europe

From Mrs Margaret C. Thompson
Sir, Sir Woodrow Wyatt in his article today (April 26) perpetuates the myth that sentiment rather than necessity compels America to maintain troops in Europe.

I think if Sir Woodrow did some research into the subject he would find that America entered the two world wars not from sentiment but because her own economic and national security made participation absolutely necessary.

Most of the American public have always believed in the omnipotence of America and were under the illusion that they were fighting not in their own interest but a moral, ideological crusade against tyranny. It is not surprising then that many Americans are still blissfully unaware of the relationship between American independence and the balance of power.

I do not think that America, from an economic or national security point of view, would relish the idea of a communist bloc facing them across the Atlantic. It is therefore of mutual interest that America maintains troops in Europe.
Yours faithfully,
MARGARET C. THOMPSON,
31 Hillside Road, Bushey, Hertfordshire, April 26.

Blame the monkey

From the Chairman of The British Institute of Organ Studies
Sir, The account of the funeral of the Duchess of Windsor (April 30) was most impressive — especially, I imagine, for those of us old enough to remember the constitutional crisis of 1936. There was, however, one inaccuracy: I am quite sure that the organ would not have played Elgar's "Nimrod Variations". This would have been done by the organist.
Yours sincerely,
DONALD WRIGHT, Chairman,
The British Institute of Organ Studies,
Woodside,
2, Jackwood Park, Hexham, Northumberland, April 30.

THE ARTS

Television
Ealing's virtues and vices

In a long and affectionate egle, *Omnibus* (BBC1) examined the output of the Ealing Film Studios during the great black and white years before they were sold to the BBC, the novel, if you like, that the BBC never had. Roland Keating's competent catalogue of more than 20 films made between 1932 and 1955 (including *Kind Hearts and Coronets*, *The Cruel Sea* and *The Lavender Hill Mob*) showed Ealing's many moods and faces: from the melodramatic queen of the early days, to the avant-garde expressionist who took subversive shape under the eyes of the Brazilian documentary maker, Cavalcanti, to the anarchic eroticist of Robert Hamer's creation.

The one constant was Michael Balcon, who looked like a head waiter and ran the studios as if they were a minor public school. Every spool that left them bore the print, for good or ill, of his "puritanical paternalism" ("I do think he knew how babies were made", said one of his directors acidly); his Britishness (mischievously underlined by Keating in a sequence of the coppers drunk on screen) and his passion for "the indigenes". It was probably for this reason that the critic Richard Winnington forgave Ealing its vices but not its virtues.

While the programme never satisfactorily elevated itself beyond the level of a sophisticated clip show (the choice of clips was flawless), it did incorporate some telling remarks from members of Balcon's close-knit team, though sadly not from Alec Guinness. "To be frivolous about something that is in some way deadly serious, that is genuine comedy", said Alexander Mackendrick in one of the few stabs at deciphering the Ealing hallmark. Among the more comic items was the revelation that the seagulls in the most famous sequence in *The Cruel Sea* were flying backwards.

Gardener's Calendar (Granada) also exuded an air of serious frivolity. The idea of taking a budding actress - in this case Hannah Gordon - and having her voice-over a programme of untidy but enthusiastic experts is just insane. Miss Gordon might as well be telling a fairy story full of Latin names for the peat she gets on her hands.

Nicholas Shakespeare

Opera
Germany's leading tenor, Rene Kollo, has at long last sung his first Tannhäuser on stage - and to great effect. John Higgins reports from the Grand Théâtre, Geneva

Performance of power and beauty

Out of reach: Stefania Toczyska as Venus in her orb, with Rene Kollo below, in his stage debut as Tannhäuser

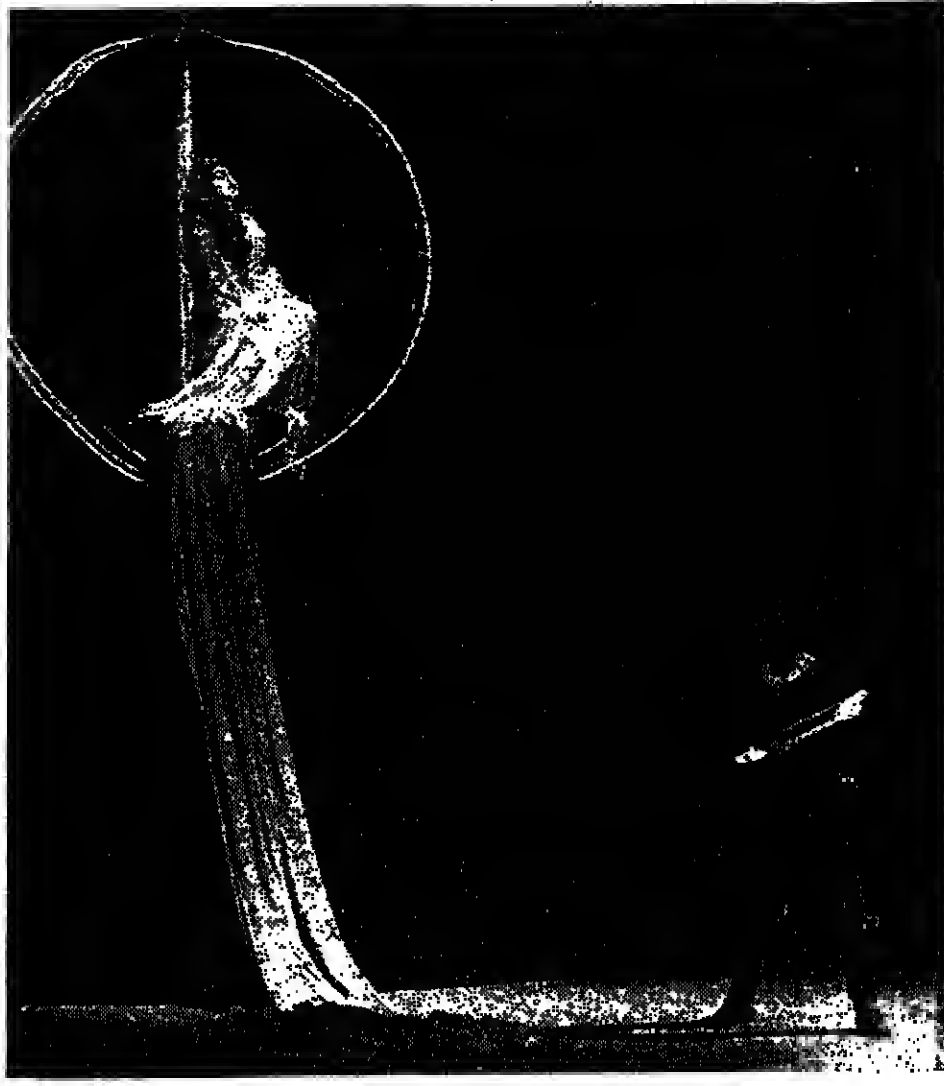
At the beginning of the season it looked as though the Geneva Opera had engaged a substantial slice of Bayreuth's oon-singing cast of *Tannhäuser*. Gabriela Benackova had dropped out of Bayreuth's *Tannhäuser* early on and she too was to sing Elisabeth at Geneva. Even more alarming was Rene Kollo's decision not to take on the title role, which he announced a matter of hours before the opening of the 1985 Festival to the well-publicized fury of Wolfgang Wagner. Kollo was also, oo surprise, Geneva's Tannhäuser. All of which goes to prove, if proof were necessary, how small a pool of international singers opera houses have to trawl for the Wagner repertory. It is entered oow only at the Intendant's own risk.

Well, Geneva may be missing Benackova, although they have an admirable substitute in the shape of Elizabeth Connell, but they do have Kollo. It is at the Grand Théâtre that the German tenor sings his first *Tannhäuser* on stage. And so he puts the lie to the predictions of the pessimists who claimed he would be heard in the role on disc only - he recorded the part with Solti back in 1971.

And a stirring performance he gives too, one of lyrical power and beauty. On stage Kollo sheds a good 20 years from his age and looks and sounds every inch the *Helidentenor*. It is possible that the success of Richard Vassalle's Bayreuth *Tannhäuser* spurred him on to the Geneva performance. If so, then we all have a debt to Mr Vassalle as well. At the start Kollo had to hoist his voice up for the higher reaches of Tannhäuser's infatuation with Venus and his even greater determination to return to the green grass of the Wartburg Valley. But the vocal channels quickly cleared to loose the true heroic timbre. The *Romerzählung*, that lengthy passage relating how the Pope turned down Tannhäuser for absolution, is the one that makes most tenors think six times before tackling the part. But it found Kollo in peak form, lacking nothing in stamina and carrying everything to religious despair.

In the central act, visually the only successful one of the three, his Tannhäuser allows passion to separate him from the other knights. The stage presence speaks of the early training in opera: an ease of manoeuvre and diction. Kollo's Tannhäuser is a romantic and individualist by dress and manner in the too, too stolid court of the Landgraf (impressively declaimed by Alfred Mau). It is all too clear why he is prepared to part company with his fellow minstrel knights. But Kollo is careful not to spread the cooecept of Tannhäuser, the outsider, too thickly on this interpretation, which is as carefully conceived as it is gloriously sung.

Wolfgang Schön's Wolfram is rich enough in baritone, but he comes across as a dull fellow and chill one too, even in the address to his star of eye, "O du mein holder Abendstern". The other courtiers are a strangely mixed bunch physically. The lures of Tannhäuser's two ladies are more evident. Elizabeth Connell may lack the impetu-



Theatre
Rare airing for a bohemian

Baal Almeida

The middle passage of the Leicester Haymarket Studio Company's three-week stay in Islington sees them taking on Brecht's first play in a new, fairly free translation by Christopher Logue. Written in 1918 when the future *enfant terrible* was barely out of his teens, and heavily revamped four years later, the piece remains a rarely-aired literary curiosity.

As he demonstrated with *War Music*, a reinterpretation of the *Hiad* (and also dramatized at the Almeida), Mr Logue is highly adept at providing "versions" of works in foreign languages in which he is less than expert. Here he has judiciously pollarded some of the original's more cumbersome growths, and his gift for imagery has been given free rein.

However pruned and primped, *Baal* is less of a play than a succession of Expressionist exercises, each announced by individual players in familiar placard style (as in "Personal Relations II") and only loosely assembling the life of its titular hero, a young poet of the old school much given to alcohol, fornication and lyrical spouting.

Geneva entrusted the production to Martha Galvin, a young American who has done a lot of work, both here and elsewhere, with Ken Russell. Fortunately, it is not a case of like master, like pupil. Miss Galvin appeared to have few designs on upsetting the bourgeoisie, instead she handled her chorus skilfully - pilgrim problems apart - and allowed her principals the chance to give of their best. With a better design team and more experience she will make strides.

Horst Stein, very much a local hero, seemed determined not to use *Tannhäuser* as an orchestral display piece as Sioopoli did at Bayreuth. The overture was bland and slow, likewise the prelude to Act II. But he is a thoughtful and serious accompanist to the singers and as the evening moved on allowed some of the scores' romanticism to show through.

The saving grace of this apostle of sensuality (played with fulsome relish by Michael Bray) is that, unlike other elemental, panic protagonists such as Peer Gynt, Baal is not searching for anything beyond the ideal bohemianism of the early scenes: insulting the stuffed shirts who try to patronize him, publicly humiliating the bourgeoisie (Alexandra Mathie) who clings to his unwashed shirts, and receiving conubial visits from a pair of sexually magnetized sisters.

Turfed out of his garret for this last escapade, he proceeds to tramp the countryside with a scruffy composer (Stephen Jameson) in whose company he falls in with the usual Brechtian cast of simple but curiously articulate peasants who accept the hopelessness of their situation and even celebrate its liberating power. The social criticism implied in the story is a good deal less enticing than the attraction of witnessing a self-portrait of the unbuttoned young playwright singing for his supper.

The songs which accompany the scene-changes in Nancy Meckler's well-measured production are sung by Agnes Bernelle, and I feel she should be credited in the programme.

Martin Cropper

The Voyage Home King's Head

One view of Virginia Woolf is that she was a decent if rather dull writer who discovered Joyce and went off her head; another view - taken here by the playwright Sylvia Freedman - is that she was a great oovelist whose inspiration and drive were inseparable from the neurotic insecurity which ended in suicide.

This orthodox line has given birth to an excessively ordinary play resembling an animated Sunday review section; working overtime oo exposition, the characters address one another and the audience in quotes from the letters and diaries of the self-absorbed, logorrhetic Bloomberies.

The ambitious compression of 60 years (flashing before Virginia's drowning eyes) into less than two hours necessitates much doubling and tripling from a company of six. "Shh - Henry James has arrived" is the cue for George Duckworth (Douglas Bradley) to re-emerge equipped with case, scroll and Mandarin sentences; a glance at the programme reassures the confused auditor that this is out, in fact, Clive Bell.

The casting of Patrick Kealey as both Leslie Stephen and Leonard Woolf seems to make more sense, at least for Freudians, but the only player to have a real stab at distinguishing his roles is Terrence Brown as a purring Lytton Strachey and a bumptious Arnold Bennett.

Joan Blackham gets a lot of mileage from Virginia's intense nervous frustration, and Andrew Harmon's production rises to a note of redemptive dignity, but somewhere at the back of the mind lingers the memory of a play called *Tom and Viv*.

MC

Concerts
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It is a measure of Anne-Sophie Mutter's artistry that she was able to make something memorable out of Mozart's Violin Concerto No 5 in A (K219), which for all its many felicities is hardly the most wide-ranging concerto ever written. Still, it sounded anything but lightweight here.

Miss Mutter began rather tentatively for so it seemed, but soon warmed to her task by the time she had reached the cadenza of the opening Allegro she was already making the art of violin-playing sound absurdly easy. Her first entry in the Adagio had a nonchalant and enchanting poise, and throughout she floated Mozart's pretty phrases on tone of the utmost sophistication - perhaps too sophisticated for the simple enough context, but beautiful on its own terms. The minuet-like Finale danced along with engaging lightness and assurance. Sir Yehudi Menuhin -

Malcolm Hayes

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Radio
Heart-to-heart with the heavyweights

As an intimate medium, radio is often at its best with intimate situations and the current series *Six Men* (Radio 4, Sundays, repeating Fridays; producer, Liz Jensen) makes the point.

One of my colleagues thought Ms Brown's questions bold. So they are and fruitfully so, although I think she could occasionally ask fewer of them. But that's a minor criticism: indeed her interview with Enoch Powell was quite remarkable.

It is a common belief that intellect and emotion are opposed to one another, a view which in my opinion is a fallacy - oo one defends a position with more passion, not to say unreason, than your intellectual. That is the method of *Indian Tales* from the Raj (Radio 4, Sunday, repeating Monday; producer, Zareer Massani) and the comparison with Michael Mason's celebrated *Plain Tales* from the Raj is instructive.

First heard in 1974, the latter were plain only because they nicely echoed Kipling. In fact the programmes were full of Mason artifice. Mr Massani's production relies on interviews and narrative alone, but they are enough. Where *Plain Tales* sold of the India of the sahibs, this records the memories of those who served them. They describe a relationship characterized at its best by humanity and understanding, in its middle reaches by many small and large humiliations, at its worst by intolerance and brutality.

It was at times a spirited but not a very optimistic discussion which pointed out that radio remains without powerful friends and so might find itself diluted and its capacity for excellence, so well proved that afternoon, rapidly eroded in the name of a free for all.

The opulent Sony awards are one, very nearly the one attempt to work against that radio is worth a bit of a song and dance. This year, however, not just by being live, but by doing something that may have made a deep impression of the power of radio oo those present.

Piers Plowright's superlative feature, *Setting Sail*, deservedly woo the documentary/feature prize and we heard its closing moments when Alison Waley described her husband Arthur's death. Usually such excerpts, little chunks devoid of context, give the audience the fidgets. This one a woman commanded instant silence and produced a sudden and complete enchantment. Unfortunately the BBC's broadcast version, in the interests of something or another, kept dodging out of the ceremony to give us longer excerpts from fewer winners and so missed this magical moment.

David Wade

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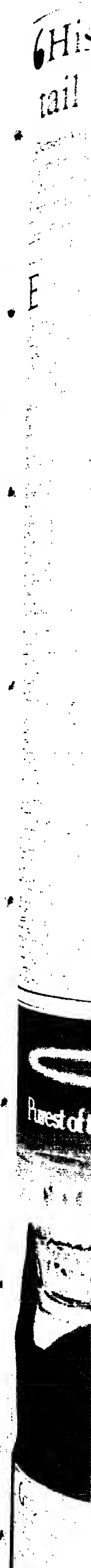
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SATURDAY

A weekly guide to leisure, entertainment and the arts

His star dish is sea bass, skinned, with pastry fins and tail scales, baked to a shimmering shade of old gold

Clement Freud goes behind the scenes at Ninety Park Lane, our restaurant of the year

Even times a week the cast of 50 put on their stunning performance for an audience of around 70. Janice, a jewel among receptionists, greets the guests and leads them to their tables; appetizers appear — slivers of smoked salmon rolled around a mousseline of John Dory topped with an asparagus tip dressed with a cream sauce. Enter stage right the menu — large and white and shiny — nouvelle to content — and the splendidly comprehensive wine list and the show is on the road. The chairman has a table tonight and is bringing his family. The Queen Mother came earlier this year and no one panicked, no one will panic.

Ninety Park Lane is a restaurant of rare professionalism. It is what the French call "serieux" and it is right that one should bring in the French because the inspiration behind the success of the place comes from an archetypal maître chef: Louis Outhier, who created from a journeyman restaurant on the outskirts of Cannes one of the most consistently excellent Michelin three star eating houses in France, which means the world. Outhier is the consultant chef to Ninety Park Lane.

But while Outhier inspires the ethos, the guiding genius behind success is Vaughan Archer, born 32 years ago in Uttoxeter, school-leaver at 15 without a CSE, to his name apprentice cook at the old North Staffordshire Hotel in Stoke, where Stanley Matthews once asked me to join him for lunch and said he could recommend the corned beef salad.

At 19 he answered an advertisement in *Caterer and Hotelkeeper*, came to London on an away-day ticket, was interviewed by the head chef at the Grosvenor House, asked how he made a fillet de sole "bonne femme" and was told he could have the job provided he could start on Monday. He was there for three years, left, worked at a string of other hotels and just before he and a friend decided to open a hostelry of their own in Hertfordshire, the Grosvenor House bought him back.



Staff from The Times restaurant of the year: sous chef Philippe Renniger, manager Sergio Rebecchi, executive chef Vaughan Archer, and sous chefs James Greer and Simon Traynor

He is maître chef des cuisines and Ninety Park Lane is his showcase. A quiet likeable man, he worries a lot and smokes a bit, drinks Perrier water, and has a barrister-to-be wife, currently eating her dinners at Gray's Inn; they have a three-year-old son who is deeply interested in food.

Now I have known chefs who shouted and chefs who sweated, their clientele like frustrated impresarios; drunken chefs and chefs so soberly religious that they said "Oh dear" when the fat pan caught fire. One chef told me that each morning he shook hands with each of his staff as he said "Bonjour Jacques.

Alors Claude. Comment-va Henri?" One felt he was doing it more for himself than for his workforce. Nothing like that about Chef Archer.

He gets to work, takes stock, composes holiday schedules, reads letters from aspiring chefs in search of prestigious jobs, looks around the refrigerator, and then goes to his daily round of meetings with heads of department, line managers, financial controllers and others who make up the command of a ship in the Trusthouse Forte (THF) fleet. Because for all its eclecticism, Ninety Park Lane is a corporate establishment. This has its drawbacks — and advantages. Not for this chef the dawn raid on Billingsgate, the bangle of Smithfield, the search for gold among the greenery of Covent Garden. Chef Archer leaves his buying instructions on the answering machine of the company's purchasing manager, and the food arrives in the THF van at daybreak, to be translated to great heights, not normally identified with a corporate image.

Mr Archer has a staff of three dozen, 10 white, working in two shifts. He is the inspiration and the driving force, hirer and firer of personnel, and at the age of 32, the oldest member of the team by some four years. Indeed, what is so amazingly admirable about Ninety Park Lane is that near-perfection has been achieved by a team of such young people.

Around him and behind him young men and women sweat into starched white jackets performing their exacting tasks; all are important; none are indispensable. He employs potential, never achievement; he looks for motivation and the right approach in his staff... people who say "I'll try that", rather than "No, it's not on the menu."

Unlike the new breed of master cooks, Vaughan Archer did not rise through the pâtisserie, yet pastry plays a critical part in his armoury.

Perhaps his star dish is a sea bass, skinned, preened with herbs, parcelled in short pastry fashioned to look like its inhabitant. The crust is decorated with fins and tail scales, washed in egg glaze and baked to a shimmering shade of old gold. It comes to table on its dish, with a sauceboat of hollandaise spiked with tomato — and another bearing concasse of tomato flavoured with spice. A murrin, carved like a rose, blushed by beetroot juice sits in attendance.

As "irrolley" is a word they do not use in nice restaurants, Ninety Park Lane has a caravanne des desserts, and if you think that sounds preten-

tious or theatrical, you must observe Martin Chadwick, the driver of the caravan who has a smooth line in pater as he trundles his tall round vehicle between the tables. "A cream of sweet chestnut and liqueurs with a hint of praline set in a crisp pastry shell and flecked with candied meringue. I can tell you in confidence that this is the restaurant manager's preferred dessert", he says.

David Frost, who eats oo puddings, calls upon Martin to do his act just for the joy of it, and the restaurant manager (he who eats the alcoholic mont blanc) passes by oow and then and murmurs "ruin it in Martin". In his defence, the five-foot vehicle, topped by a shiny alcoholic summer pudding, deserves enthusiasm.

Vaughan Archer bears in mind the THF accountants' wish of £3.60 worth of ingredients for every £10 on the bill, but he would not make an issue of it. A passing salad for table 16 is adorned by him with a quail's egg that has spent a week in the company of truffles in a Kilner jar; it is then softly boiled and peeled. He cuts it in half, speckles it with a sauce mousseline. If a dish takes a long time to prepare, he sends in a skewer of crayfish and thinly sliced courgette, brushed with Japanese sesame oil. As far as concern, one sees nothing else.

the restaurant; Italian he, from Parma in the north, married to an Irish lady from Co Meath, lives in a north London suburb, and has a greenhouse where he grows basil and chives and tarragon for his own kitchen. He is elegant, quiet, authoritative, invisible if all goes well. He talks about "our style of clientele" and is quietly apprehensive of the Saturday-nighters who eat smoked salmon and steak when they might have a consommé of langoustine with fish quenelles and coriander and lemon grass, followed by slices of duck breast with its own glaze, and sesame seeds.

"A poor restaurant team can spoil a great chef; we try to enhance him", says Sergio. He talks of Vaughan as a thinking chef, and to the traditional war between the two factions he supports the kitchen staff against the waiters. Even that war has lost the sharpness of my day when cooks worked against waiters — and everyone hated the customer.

There is no star system in Vaughan Archer's kitchen; the shifts come and work and eat and go and the quality of the food retains its consistency. Who did this? you ask, admiring a coffee sauce that languishes around a fillet of lamb? It could be Joe or William... and turns out to be Denise, aged 22, a Trusthouse Forte trainee chef, passing through here on her way to the social whirl of Hannover's minor show, Edinburgh's Commonwealth Games, Henley and Ascot, where she will do her simon-tho stint of outside catering.

She comes from Lincolnshire, mum is a teacher, dad in the air force; Denise does not want her own restaurant but to run a kitchen, be a chef, have her name embroidered on her white chef's jacket, wear a taller chef's hat. She does not smile much, sweats just like the other chefs, only feels "different" when they talk about what they do on their days off, and cannot wait to get back to the chequered fillet of beef that is to be served in a sauce of young shallots and Brouilly.

On Sunday, Ninety Park Lane is closed. Sergio is home

in Pinner cooking a sirloin of beef. Chef Archer takes his family out to his Trusthouse Forte credit card — which gives a 30 per cent discount; they have a traditional Sunday lunch in a company restaurant. You can't beat that, he says. In the evening white his wife prepares for her bar

finals, he reads Brillat Savarin. "Oh Children of Eden, who gave it all away for an apple; what might you not have done for a pheasant stuffed with a forcemeat of hazelouts?" He makes a oote. You may find a hazelout forcemeat among the garnishes on Moody's plats du jour.

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PLAT DU JOUR

Customer comes to restaurant, announces his identity to receptionist, gets table, gives order to Head waiter... who writes it out and passes it to commis waiter... who takes it to the kitchen and gives it to the barker.

The kitchen is hot; the language is French. "Ca marche deux couverts," he shouts. "Deux potages du jour."

The soup cook answers "oui" and prepares the soup. "Un pigeon, une lotte."

Roast cook and Fish cook acknowledge the order and get to work it. "Bouquetière des légumes." Veg cook shouts "oui."

At the appointed time when the Head waiter feels that the customer is ready for his main course, the commis waiter is sent to the kitchen and asks the barker for his order. "Table 12."

Barker finds the chef, shouts: "Faites marcher le pigeon, la lotte, les deux bouquetières"

When they are assembled on the hotplate — and the chef has had a look at them — the boy takes the dishes to the restaurant where the shiny silver covers are removed, first for the Head waiter's inspection and then, with a flourish, for the customer's delectation.

(A duplicate of the order goes to the cashier who makes sure it is priced and goes onto the right bill. The Control Department collects orders from kitchen and cashier to ensure all that is cooked is also paid for).

The kitchen starts work some four hours before service begins... with "mise en place": the gathering of produce; cleaning and paring and chopping; the production of stocks and glazes and sauces; jolting and marinating of fish and fowl. In a good kitchen they prepare... and finish off to order. In bad kitchens they cook and warm up.

Traditionally chefs drank shandy, usually swiping the apprentices' beer and giving them their ration of lemonade; most now drink orange juice — in excellent kitchens, fresh orange juice.

Mean temperature is in the high 90s, hotter near ovens which open and close incessantly. The chef de cuisine is the producer, director, also the composer and waves the baton to boot.

If things go wrong the restaurant staff race out and blame him; if all goes well, they say nothing and get the tips.

Today's liberated chefs walk about in the dining room and some of them kiss customers. It was not ever thus.

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TRAVEL

Edited by Shona Crawford Poole

Jewel in the crown of the Caribbean

Jamaica, God's fair isle, is no longer the exclusive playground of the rich. Barry Branford samples its delights

Ton-Ton, man about my house in the hills was making a snack of ackee on toast...

Across the road at Cardiff Hall, Eitha, Peter Finch's widow was doing the garden with rhythmic swings of the cutliss...

Saturday evening was a good time to be in Jamaica. And Saturday night had yet to come...

A tropical apocalypse of a hinterland - a crazy canvas of green

cosmoscenti, is arguably the most beautiful in the world. And now the strength of the pound and weakness of the Jamaican dollar has put "God's fair isle"...

In simple terms it means that you can go into a bar in Montego Bay, order a Red Stripe and a rum, and come out with change from a pound...

Outside the high season (three or four months from mid-December) organizations like JAVA (Jamaica Association of Villas and Apartments) are packaging luxury fortnights for less than £600-a-bed.

Jamaica is big (about 145 miles by 50) and beautiful enough to cater to every taste - with most of the tastiest morsels on the coast...

Coconut palms, bananas, giant cotton trees, poinsettia, hibiscus, bougainvillea round one corner, Pine Constable country the next...

The whole island is animated by a mobile, manic, never-ending roadshow. Mini-buses scattering squawking fugitives from the local cock-fight and goats fattening for the pot...

Make up your own roadside menu as you go along. Depending on parish and season you can pick from mangoes, melons, oranges, pineapple, pawpaw and pears...

To enjoy the great Jamaica roadshow and reach the spectacular parts most visitors hardly hear about you need a car, but rental is still expensive in Jamaica...

Arriving in wicked old Kingston can have its advantages. Like sipping coffee on the balcony of the luxurious



Street life and shady deals: travelling around Jamaica is a never-ending roadshow, but beaches like this one at the Runaway Bay Hotel on the north coast (top) are havens of peace

Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, in the shadow of the mountains it comes from. If they know you are coming you might find your personalized gold-embossed matches awaiting.

It's the place to "do" Kingston from - with its galleries, gardens, ghettos, Gun Court, golf, racing, reggae, restaurants, and raucous street life.

Lucia... any three from a dozen or more sun-soaked hideaways; and you get a 21-day three-island stop-over deal for the kind of money that hardly gets locals from one island to the next.

So if you are going to the Caribbean and you do not know which island to pick, you can ring the changes on the cheap. British Airways represent Liat here and if, at first, you do not succeed in

tracking down Liat's elusive "Explorer" fare, keep chipping away. It does exist somewhere in BA's computer - with reservations.

A dip at Frenchman's Cove - the great watering hole of the pre-Jet Set and my candidate for the most beautiful beach in the world.

Tea at the Trident. One of the most discreet hotels in the world, where they fly in the fillet mignon, peacocks strut a turf that would put Wembley to shame, and if the Imperial suite (good enough for the Vanderbilts and Norfolks) fails to satisfy, there's always the chateau - or castle.

Dining by floodlit waterfall at the Ruins restaurant

Sunset at Boonie View, which is what it says. A hotel which seems to be perched on top of the world - with a Doctor Bird's view of the old banana plantations, twin harbours and translucent waters of Port Antonio.

My white mansion in the hills at Runaway Bay was typical of what JAVA offers. Air-conditioned, three bedrooms (with bath and dressing room en suite), cook, housekeeper, pool, terrace, and majestic balcony, set in two acres of palm and pine - with

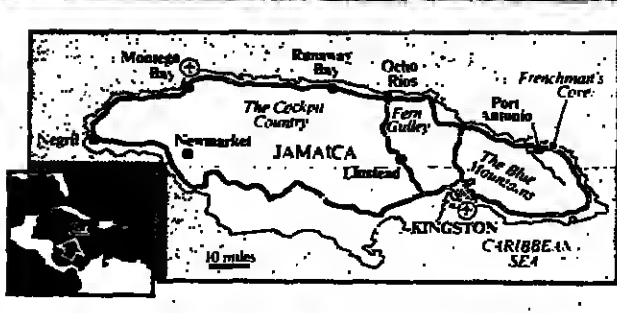
breath-taking views across green hills and a championship golf course to silvery seas below.

And not far from Ocho Rios, which is probably the best place to explore the island from, ringed by beaches and coves with the dramatic Dunn's River Falls on the road to Montego Bay and Negril, and a fairly leaded Fern Gully leading to Linstead, the "cockpit country" - and the fabled face of Jamaica.

There is not much missing from the Ocho Rios repertoire of watersports: well-stocked shops and bars, places to visit (historic gardens, plantations, historic houses and sights), explosions of night-life and the spectacular Ruins restaurant where you dine by floodlit waterfall.

Wherever you are in Jamaica keep your cool and your cigarettes out of sight. The national sport is Beg You Cigarette. Sir. You will be offered a well-known local brand with monotonous regu-

larity. Unwise to accept. Heathrow customs positively froth at the mouth when the planes from in from Kingston. But it does have its compensations. Officials who eyed and smelled my treasured stock of Studio One records turned an embarrassed blind eye to the odd bottle of Jamaican coffee liqueur when they found nothing more incriminating than vintage compressed vinyl.



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Dream ticket for island hoppers

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TRAVEL NOTES

Garold Harper runs JAVA from PO Box 298, Ocho Rios, Jamaica (Ocho Rios 974 2500). British Airways "Early Saver" flies you there seven days a week for £375 return either via Miami or direct to Kingston on Sun, and Kingston via Montego Bay on Wed and Sat. The Jamaica Tourist Board is at 50 St James's Street, London SW1 (01-493-9007). For information on the Trident Hotel contact Windotel at 149 Sloane Street, London SW1 (01 730-7144).

A low view of high-flying oil prices

Leading tour operators are urging the oil companies to cut the price of aviation fuel. One company, Horizon Holidays, has predicted that there could be "massive" increases in holiday prices next year if the cost of fuel is not reduced in line with the lower crude-oil price. Mr Sidney Perez, chairman of the Influential Tour Operators' Study Group (ITOSG), whose members account for more than 70 per cent of the package holiday market, maintains that the oil companies are holding out to "excess" profits and keeping the price of holidays high. Florida bargains. Jenavie is the latest operator to cut the price of holidays to Florida. Passengers travelling from Gatwick or Manchester to Orlando on selected departures during May will now pay £299 return, compared with the previous rate of £469, including seven nights' hotel accommodation. Savings by sea. Discounts are being offered on summer car-ferry services. Luno Poly is cutting the price of ferry bookings taken for departures between 00w and September 30 on all routes across the Channel and the North Sea. The fare for the vehicle plus driver and two passengers, for example, will be cut by £15, provided that the trip is for at least seven days and that passengers buy Luno Poly's own travel insurance. Meanwhile, Sally Line is curbing the cost of family travel across the Channel during the peak months. Up to three children will be able to travel free with motorists on any sailing on Sally's Rams-gate-Dunkirk route between July 11 and September 12. Thomson Holidays, the UK's largest tour operator, has guaranteed that there will be no surcharges on its main winter-sun and winter-sports programmes next winter. Other operators are expected to follow suit. Supersonic Canaries. Short-break holidays in the Canaries with a flight by Concorde to one direction are on offer from Lanzarote Villis, starting on June 6. Passengers can combine the flight with a three or four-night break at the five-star Las Salinas-Sheraton. Free excursions and car hire are included in the price of £895 for three nights or £975 for four. Information: 0403 51304.

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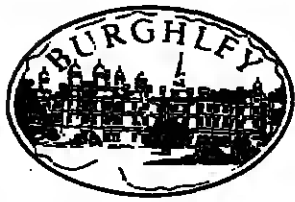
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OUT AND ABOUT

Where Heaven meets Hell in splendour



Nigel Andrew lays bare the naked attractions and treasures of an Elizabethan giant

The first view of Burghley looks more like a small town than a house. It's the roof line that does it. Towers and pinnacles, gables, turrets, obelisks and clusters of columns. This is the extraordinary spectacle that greets you as you approach across the park - nicely sprinkled with deer and sheep.

Anyone who, like me, has been foolish enough to walk the 1 1/2 miles to Burghley from Stamford after a heavy lunch at The George, will be glad to pause and take a good look at this grand Elizabethan exterior, which has remained unchanged since it was built by William Cecil, the first Lord Burghley. He was Queen Elizabeth's Lord Chancellor and a prime example of how to make money out of the law: this little pied-a-terre is one of four houses he built.

A grand - a very grand - Elizabethan house, then. But the interior is a different story, most of it having been transformed by Cecil's descendant, the Fifth Earl of Exeter, a lover of all things Italian. From 1680 onwards, he turned room after room from austere Elizabethan to exuberant Baroque, assisted by the modish Neapolitan painter Antonio Verrio.

It is largely thanks to Verrio that Burghley now offers such a succession of breathtaking interiors. His masterpiece, the Heaven Room, is one of the finest painted rooms anywhere - the ceilings and walls completely covered with a riot of "Gods and Goddesses dispersing themselves as Gods and Goddesses are wont to do", to quote a 19th-century guidebook.



High and mighty: an architectural wonder of turrets, pinnacles and gables on Burghley House's west front, and (right) one of the fine woodcarvings

Mythological figures spill out from all angles, cascade towards the floor, gaze down on us mortals or appear unnervefully over our shoulders, all emoting wildly and exposing lots of succulent flesh.

The counterpart to the Heaven Room, the Hell Staircase, never quite came off. Verrio, not one to take Hell very seriously, finished only the ceiling before taking off for Hampton Court. It was left to Thomas Stothard, a century later, to cover the walls in suitable gloomy style. But the staircase itself is a wonderfully light creation.

Burghley is also thick with portraits. The art collection, particularly of Italian Baroque, is extraordinarily rich, and every wall is densely hung with pictures, set off by beautifully carved wood (Grinling Gibbons worked here).

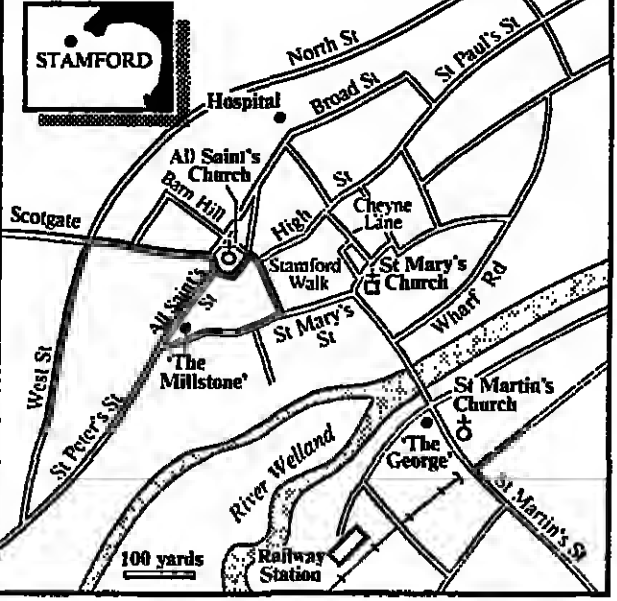
The Elizabethan bouse survives in the Old Kitchen and the Great Hall. It is a huge vaulted kitchen, with an array of massive copper serving dishes. The Great Hall has a wonderful high double-hammer-beam roof, all a world away from Verrio's extravaganzas.

This Great Hall should also have a gigantic solid silver wine cooler, but along with various other items from Burghley, it was lent to the great exhibition of English country house treasures in Washington D. C. and has yet to return. That is one of the penalties of being the sort of treasure house Burghley is. Even the fireplaces have solid silver fittings!

But the embarrassment of riches also means that there are huge reserves to draw on for special exhibitions, and at present there is a fascinating display of scientific instruments collected by the 10th Earl at the turn of the nineteenth century. This quietly ticking room is well worth a browse on the way out.

Burghley House is still, happily, occupied by a branch of the Cecil family. It has no fewer than 240 rooms, of which the hour-long guided tours take in 18. After which, you will be ready for tea in the Orangery (designed by Capability Brown), where you can look out over the formal gardens and collect yourself. Believe me, you will need to.

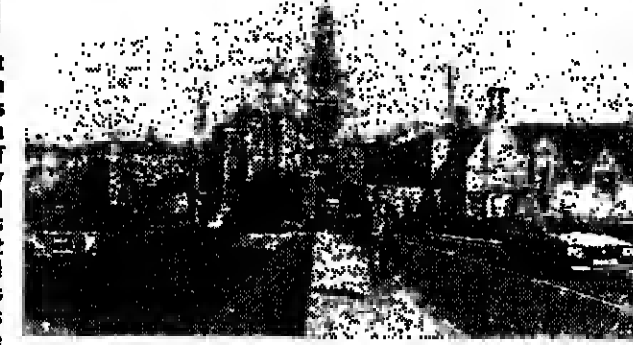
Burghley House, Stamford, Lincs (0780 52451) is open until Oct 5 every day from 11am to 5pm. Closed Sept 6. All in tickets £2.90, children £1.60.



ABOUT TOWN

Stamford is one of the levellest small towns in England. Even without Burghley House on its outskirts, it is well worth visiting. Everything is built of stone and miraculously unspoilt. There are fine old houses, beautiful streetscapes and marvellous churches - St Martin's with its two grand Cecil monuments, All Saints with its angel roof, St Mary's with its superb exterior. There are atmospheric old pubs, including The Millstone on All Saints Street, and St Mary's Vanits on St Mary's Street.

The premier hostelry, The George, has a superb restaurant, and there are many other good places to eat. Quality butchers and delicatessens abound. John Sinclair's is the largest of several antique shops and the Rutland Book shop in Cheyne Lane has an interesting second-hand stock. Tucked away in Stamford Walk, a shopping mall created out of the old Stamford Hotel, is the Coffee Cup cafe.



A bridge with history: the old town of Burghley

Brown's Hospital on Pound Street is a beautiful medieval almshouse. The town museum has a life-sized figure of Daniel Lambert, who weighed 52 stone 11 lbs, and lived and died in Stamford. Even the railway station - built like a miniature castle - is a delight.

OUTINGS

TRADITIONAL PUNCH & JUDY SHOW: Thoroughly authentic children's show in the courtyard of arguably the country's finest medieval manor house. Haddon Hall, Bakewell, Derbyshire (062 981 2855). Today, 11am-5pm. Adult £2.20, child under 14, £1.10.

FARM MUSEUM DEMONSTRATIONS: Breadmaking, the wheelwright's skills and horse-drawn vehicles (today), hurdle-making, spinning, blacksmithing, maypole dancing, herbs and their culinary uses (tomorrow), fly-tying, spinning, weaving and Morris dancing (Mon). Cogges Farm Museum, Church Lane, Cogges, Witney (22 602). Today-Mon, 10.30am-3.30pm, dinner 2-4.30pm. Adult £1.50, child 80p.

SPALDING FLOWERS AND FLOATS: A colourful street parade with 15 floats and 10 marching bands followed by a static exhibition of floats, stalls and a craft tent. Spalding, Lincolnshire. Details: (0773 4840). Parade today from 1.30pm. Free exhibition at Sir Halley Stewart Field, today-Tues, 10am-5pm. Admission today, Mon, Tues, adult £1, child free; tomorrow adult £4.

GARDEN FESTIVAL: Flower shows, personalities and a playground for children. Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire (06 845 2751). Today 9am-7pm, tomorrow 10am-7pm, Mon 10am-5pm. Adult £2, child 25p.

COUNTRY CRAFT FAYRE: 100 craftsmen and 84 stalls, with many demonstrations. Also maypole dancing, bands. Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent. Today-tomorrow, Mon, 11am-5pm. Fayre and castle grounds, adult £2.65, child £1.65.

BANK HOLIDAY AT AVONCROFT: A re-enactment of domestic and military life in the Middle Ages, plus a model railway and shire horse rides. Avoncroft Museum of Buildings, Cromsgrove, Worcestershire (0527 81 363). Tomorrow and Mon, 11am-5.30pm. Adult £1.75, child 80p.

BLACKHEATH VILLAGE FAYRE: Traditional village fair with pony tricks, Morris dancers, competitions, miniature train and bus rides. Cream teas, barbeque and a children's corner. Blackheath Lane, Blackheath, near Gullford, Surrey. Further information: Robin May (0483 893 625). Mon, from 2pm. Admission and car park free.

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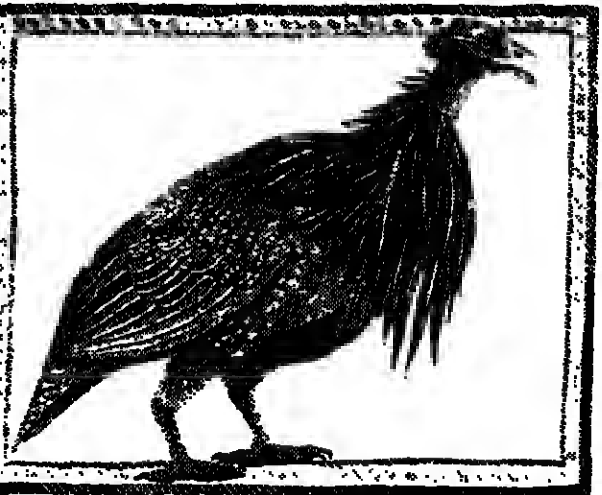
THE TIMES COOK

Shona Crawford Poole on how to keep roast birds moist Succulent stuffing for the fairest of fowl

If birds had dress sense the vulturine guinea fowl would be somewhere near the top of any best-dressed list. From the back it looks much like any other guinea fowl, a sober grey which at close range turns out to be black with white spots. Head-on it is a ravishing vision of curvaceously cut stripes of a blue so powerful that it appears to pulsate.

According to East Africa hands, vulturine guinea fowl are every bit as edible as their more soberly dressed cousins. Both score high on taste, but tend to be dry. Dense, lean flesh which dries easily when cooked is a characteristic which has not been bred out of guinea fowl reared for the table. Falling somewhere between domestic poultry and game, farmed guinea fowl are nonetheless more than fancy chickens and their year-round availability

fills the long gap between shooting seasons. These recipes also work well with pheasants and small chickens, which benefit from the flavour-bolstering treatments designed to retain succulence. Instead of stuffing the cavity of an oven-ready bird, the stuffing can be inserted between the skin and flesh of the breast and thighs. This not only ensures that roasted guinea fowl is moist, but gives it a pleasingly plump appearance.



Roast, stuffed guinea fowl Serves four

- 2 oven-ready guinea fowl
55g (2oz) butter
225g (8oz) leeks, finely shredded
450g (1lb) raw spinach, or 225g (8oz) cooked
170g (6oz) ricotta cheese
2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Freshly grated nutmeg

Using poultry shears the birds can be cut in halves as an alternative to carving in slices. Poaching is another technique which is particularly successful with guinea fowl and pheasants. A rich, homemade stock is essential. In an ideal kitchen it will be guinea fowl stock enriched with gelatine from veal or chicken bones. More likely, it will be rich chicken stock. Poached guinea fowl Serves two to three

Choose a pan or casserole deep enough to hold the bird submerged in stock without too much extra space. Bring the stock to a simmer, add the guinea fowl and cook it at the lowest of simmers for about 45 minutes. Take it out of the stock and drain it well. Reduce the stock by fast boiling until it is very strongly flavoured. Join the guinea fowl, cutting the legs into two pieces each, and the breast into two or three pieces. Keep it warm in a preheated oven (140°C/275°F, gas mark 1) for up to 45 minutes covered with foil.

Put about 8 tablespoons of the well-reduced stock in a small saucepan and season if needed with salt and cayenne pepper. Bring it almost to the boil and incorporate the butter, adding small pieces one at a time and shaking the pan to incorporate them smoothly. Serve with the sauce and a selection of steamed fresh vegetables. The stock left over from cooking the guinea fowl can be frozen and used to repeat the recipe.

BRIDGE

Failure at the crucial point

The Reisinger Trophy is the centrepiece of the American Fall Nationals. It is a team contest with point-a-board scoring, almost unheard of in an age when popular demand has made "Swiss" the universal method of scoring multiple teams events. There is no doubt that point-a-board is the more skillful method, which perhaps explains why the majority prefer Swiss teams.

The American Contract Bridge League tried to bend to the popular will, but an all-too-rare victory for "player power" forced the retention of the traditional point-a-board. In the Reisinger this year four members of the newly crowned United States World Champions, Martel, Pender, Ross and Stansby edged out Rosenkrantz, World, Meckstroth, Rodwell, Cohen and Cohen by .11 of a board. Unluckily for them, the minimum margin required for victory is .25 of a board. So the result was deemed to be a tie. This would not have mattered except that the Reisinger is one of the four events which affords qualification for the American trials. Although it was after midnight, there had to be a 12-board play-off.

Whatever Pender's reasons for removing his partner's five clubs to five hearts, the sight of dummy must have been unnerveing. In clubs, 11 tricks are sure. In hearts, as we have seen, even 10 tricks are in doubt. Rodwell, placing no esoteric significance on his partner's double, started with the ♣A. Meckstroth won the ♠K and surprisingly cashed the ♠A instead of trying to put his partner on play to get his club ruff. Pender won the spade switch and played a heart to the Ace and a heart back to his King. Lucky? Perhaps a little, but two inferences guided Pender's successful play of the trumps. East did not have enough high cards to justify his penalty double; therefore it was lead directing to attract a club lead. East could not have ♣Qxx, otherwise he would have played a third round of diamonds, forcing dummy to ruff. Whatever luck the world champions enjoyed, it was insufficient. They lost the play off, 7-5.

Bridge score table showing player names (Stansby, Bergen, Martel, Cohen) and scores for various suits (W, N, E, S).

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CHESS

Vital moves in the Varsity match

The annual Varsity chess match, which was held on March 8 at the Royal Automobile club in Pall Mall, was one of the best-contested of the four events which affords qualification for the American trials. Although it was after midnight, there had to be a 12-board play-off. The World Champions had the better of board 6. Board-a-Match. North-South game. Dealer South.

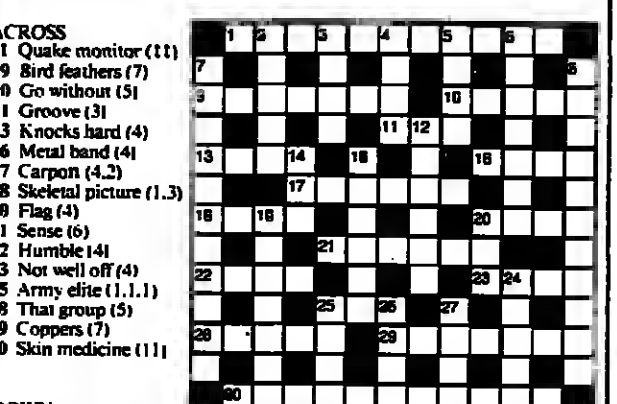
adding to the list of victories Oxford have enjoyed of late. This is a reversal of the winning trend Cambridge used to enjoy in the days when they were represented by some of the country's leading masters such as H. E. Atkins, C. H. O'D Alexander and P. S. Milner-Barry. By tradition the ladies play on the bottom board, but I thought this year they played in much improved style, possibly reflecting the considerable improvement in British women's chess of recent years. Special prizes for the best effort in their team were awarded to Andrew Dyson (Cambridge) for his heroic draw against James Howell, and to Kenneth Shovel (Oxford) for the following game against David Watts. White: K Shovel; Black: D Watts. King's Indian Defence

White's pawn on K6 now exerts a horrific cramp on Black's development. Resigns. Harry Golombek

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CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 941

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, May 8, 1986. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, May 10, 1986.



ACROSS: 1 Quare monitor (11), 4 Bird feathers (7), 10 Go without (5), 11 Groove (3), 13 Knocks hard (4), 16 Metal band (4), 17 Carpon (4,2), 18 Sietel picture (1,3), 20 Flag (4), 21 Sense (6), 22 Humble (4), 23 Not well off (4), 25 Army elite (1,1,1), 28 Thai group (5), 29 Coppers (7), 30 Skin medicine (11). DOWN: 2 Fit out (5), 3 Shut hard (4), 4 Bowler's spell (4), 5 Crack (4), 6 Living room (7), 7 Roughly (11), 8 "Cruel Sea" ship (7,4), 12 Messes (6), 14 Cunning (13), 15 Sheen (6), 19 Inspiring (7), 20 Sprite (3), 24 Due (5), 25 Appear (4), 26 Rousserie (14), 27 Indigo (4).

SOLUTION TO NO 935 (last Saturday's prize concise) ACROSS: 1 Quarrelsome, 9 Updates, 10 Syrup, 11 Too, 13 Cord, 16 Can, 17 Unwind, 18 Upon, 20 Soda, 21 Little, 22 Love, 23 Agree, 25 Yes, 28 Terra, 29 Chateau, 30 Versatility. DOWN: 2 Udder, 3 Rote, 4 Erst, 5 So-so, 6 Morello, 7 Punctual, 8 Sionianus, 12 Ornate, 14 Dun, 15 Awhike, 19 Obverse, 20 Sea, 24 Greet, 25 Yaks, 26 Scull, 27 Hail.

REVIEW



Spying on a secret Bond of friendship

I last saw James Bond a few days before his death last summer. As usual I took down a bottle of the Widow and wheeled him along the front from Hove where he lived in that infinitely depressing home the Firm runs for its distressed pensioners.

James Bond - The Authorized Biography by John Pearson (Grafton, £2.95) true relationship with 'M'. (Fleming was always dropping little hints in the books - "thin" smiles, references to Bond's medicals and what good shape he was in - but Pearson seems not to have noticed.)

maintaining the preposterous myth that he was a macho heterosexual. There is all the usual nonsense about "Burglar" Britton's illegitimate half sister being responsible for getting him sacked from school (it was "Burglar" himself who was to blame) and about the affair with Marthe de Brandt (actually a Bulgarian drag queen called Boris).

Basil Boothroyd grapples with some classic whodunnits

Margery Allingham's The Fashion in Shrods (Dent, £3.95) comes off best in this random batch. Good writing and real people. Neither seems to have been thought necessary in most detective fiction of thirty-odd years ago, and readers just reading for the puzzle probably don't mind, or even notice.

Puzzles penned in blood

Super but thwarted, with the reader, when the door is suddenly flung open to some startling announcement. I am being a bit hard. For mere puzzle-solvers this is prime stuff of its kind, and I bet they don't solve it. Tortuous isn't the word. But the dialogue is often too unspoken to believe anyone ever spoke it.

morous moments, "in controlling their features". None of this is as distracting as some of the "Sapper" writing. Admittedly the collection of H.C. McNeile's Best Short Stories (Dent, £3.50) is of an even earlier vintage. Not all are about Bulldog Drummond, his most famous, and at the time generally admired, creation, who not only strikes me, at this present unfair remove, as a violent cad who likes nothing better than to knock other people's teeth out, and earns no marks for his ponderous levity of speech ("If that is true I will consume your headgear"), but outstandingly exemplifies the Englishman one would most dread to be seen with as a fellow-Brit abroad.

Marcel Berlins uncovers the dark secrets of a master

The Life of Raymond Chandler by Frank MacShane (Hamish Hamilton, £5.95) Raymond Chandler's life was a constant disappointment to him. He wanted to live in England but landed up in California, which he disliked. He would have liked to have been a serious novelist but became instead a writer of pulp fiction, albeit the best of them. Sensitive and with pretensions to being an intellectual, he was forced to mix with the crass and the crude.

A lonely life of suspense

with fellow creators spent most of his evenings alone with his whisky bottle. It was during those small depressing hours that he wrote the long, honest, intimate letters that have provided MacShane with much of his material. MacShane also interviewed many of Chandler's friends and acquaintances from the last five years of his life when, freed by Cissy's death, he

spent much of his time in England and, for a while, underwent a curious period of social and emotional rejuvenation. It did not last long. The loneliness returned and his alcoholism worsened. He died in 1959 aged 71. Frank MacShane has written a biography of rare understanding. He describes convincingly Chandler's sexual torments, his exaggerated Anglophilia, his brushes with Hollywood, his constant need for recognition as something more than a mere writer of superior detective fiction, and his descent into solitude, bitterness and anguish. He is especially interesting in his analysis of the relationship between the author and his most illustrious creation, Philip Marlowe. But there is one exasperating omission. Legend has it that Chandler himself thought Philip Marlowe could best be portrayed on the screen by Cary Grant. If true, it is an interesting and surprising insight into Chandler's view of his own character. MacShane doesn't refer to the story, though he does say that Chandler liked Humphrey Bogart's performance in The Big Sleep.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Poor boy who found black was bountiful

FILMS ON TV

Goodness knows what they will make of it in his native Russia, but the tributes will soon be flowing elsewhere for the poor cantor's son from Lithuania who billed himself, without a trace of modesty, "the greatest entertainer the world has ever seen".

To mark the 100th anniversary of his birth, there is a season of Jolson films on Channel 4, and tomorrow's edition of The South Bank Show (ITV, 10.30-11.40pm) is devoted to a profile which goes some way towards balancing the anodyne portrait of the movie biographies, The Jolson Story and Jolson Sings Again.

Jolson wanted to be first

and best. Insanely jealous of competition, he once had a troupe of acrobats fired for stopping a show that was supposed to be his. He was a womanizer, but his most passionate affair was with his work. He abandoned his new bride Ruby Keeler for four hours on their wedding night to sing to the local fireman.

Characteristically, Jolson wanted to play the part himself but he was nearly 60 and the studio hit on an inspired compromise. Jolson would provide the voice, still as rich as ever, and an unknown B-movie player, Larry Parks, would be his flesh and blood. The Jolson Story is showing today (10.55pm-12.00am) and Jolson Sings Again on Tuesday (9-10.50pm).

There are also five films from the 1930s: Wonder Bar (Mon, 3.15-4.45pm), Swanee River (Tue, 2.55-4.30pm), Hallelujah I'm a Bum (Wed, 2.30-4pm), Mammy (Thurs, 2.30-4pm) and Go Into Your Dance (Thurs, 5-6.40pm).

Peter Waymark



The greatest: Al Jolson in Hallelujah I'm a Bum

RECOMMENDED

Witness For the Prosecution (1957): Charles Laughton and Marlene Dietrich taking a powerful tilt at Agatha Christie (BBC2, today, 2-3.50pm). Diamonds Are Forever (1971): James Bond/Sean Connery versus international diamond smugglers (ITV, tomorrow, 7.45-9.45pm). Twelve O'Clock High (1949): Gregory Peck as the marine commander of a Second World War bomber squadron (Channel 4, tomorrow, 10.15pm-12.40am). The Sound of Music (1965): Julie Andrews, cute kids, postcard locations and

Indelible Rodgers and Hammerstein songs (BBC1, Mon, 2.25-5.10pm). My Brilliant Career (1979): Judy Davis as the ambitious farm girl in the first of a strong Australian season (BBC2, Tues, 9-10.40pm). Whisky Galore! (1948): Delightfully sharp-edged Ealing comedy, pitting Hebridean islanders against the customs man (BBC2, Wed, 6-7.20pm). High Plains Drifter (1972): Moody, mystical Western with Clint Eastwood as director and star (ITV, Wed, 9.10-10.35-11.40pm). Riot in Cell Block 11 (1954): Pacey, low budget prison drama which helped to make director Don Siegel into a cult figure (BBC2, Fri, 12.05-1.30am).

Up-beat rock of ages past

TELEVISION

Negotiations with MTV, the 24-hour US cable television station which transmits non-stop rock videos, to take over a four-hour slot on BBC1 flourished over copyright complications (Times, Video Jukebox (Fri, 9.30pm-2am), presented by John Peel and John Walters, combines a history of the pop video and a state-of-the-art documentary.

While demonstrating the increasing cross-fertilization of rock, television and cinema, Video Jukebox mercifully lacks the seamless, hypnotically mindless nature of MTV - music to veg out on.

Several classes up, in every sense, is the second delightful series of Mapp and Lucia (Channel 4, tonight, 9-10pm), another faithful adaptation from the immaculately conceived, beautifully mannered and exquisitely bitchy Tilling novels of E. F. Benson, featuring Geraldine McEwan, Prunella Scales and Nigel Hawthorne.

Bob Williams

A lady in love with the blues

RADIO

John Wain has worn the hedges of poet, novelist and critic, and even Angry Young Man, but is only an occasional playwright. So it is mildly surprising to see his name as the author of the Monday Play, Good Morning Blues (Radio 4, 8.15-9.45pm).

What is not surprising, given that it is one of Wain's passions, is that setting should be traditional jazz. Wain is not only a jazz buff who knows his Beiderbeckes from his Bechets but has also been known to sing the blues with a combo called the Croch and All Stars.

The singer in Good Morning Blues, however, is played by a pro, as well as a considerable actress, Julie Covington, and the dramatic core of the piece is a love affair between the girl and a clarinetist (Bill Nigay), two members of a group who perform in English pubs. The wider theme is the progress of jazz from being the music of the underprivileged American negro to a minority pursuit of white middle-class intellectuals.

Still on drama, Elegy For a Lady (Radio 3, Tues, 9.50-10.25pm) is the British premiere of a short play by Arthur Miller. A treatise on the nature of love and loss, it is set in a boutique where a man (Sam Wassamaker) is looking for a present for his young mistress who is dying of cancer. Carroll Baker plays the proprietress, who helps to make his choice.

The story of two Hollywood stars who settled here and were responsible for one of radio's first situation comedies is told in Bebe and Ben (Radio 4, today, 4-4.45pm). Ben Lyon, as he never ceased to remind his audiences, made his mark in the Howard Hughes film, Hell's Angels, while Bebe Daniels sang and danced her way through screen musicals like Rio Rita and 42nd Street.

They married, and stayed married, and came to Britain and during the Second World War teamed up with another emigré, the Austrian-born Vic Oliver, for a raucous radio comedy, Hi Gang!. But they became best known for Life With the Lyons, an amiable family sitcom in which they were joined by their children, Barbara and Richard. The programme is presented by that arch nostalgist, Hubert Gregg, who knew Bebe and Ben personally. Followers of radio drama may have come across James Fairfax without realizing that it is the pen name of Judge James Pickles, a familiar figure on the northern circuit. In On Being a Judge (Radio 4, Mon, 11.33am-noon: the first of two programmes) he talks about his job with a frankness not normally associated with people in his position, as well as offering his views on such spicy topics as pornography, prostitution and capital punishment.

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MAPP AND LUCIA ...WHO NEEDS ENEMIES? THE DEADLY GAME CONTINUED, IN A NEW SERIES TONIGHT AT 9.00PM

AN LWTV PRODUCTION FOR CHANNEL 4

THE WEEK AHEAD



DANCE THREESOME: Kenneth MacMillan has a triple bill at Covent Garden...



TELEVISION BERYL'S TRAVELS: Beryl Bainbridge takes to the road for Forever England...



FILMS CANNES CHOICE: Bob Hoskins plays an ex-con in Mona Lisa...



GALLERIES STAGE STRUCK: leaders Duncan, as depicted in a lithograph by Van Dongen...



BOOKS WAR GAMES: Timothy Mo uses his birthplace, Hong Kong...



THEATRE IN CHARGE: Dorothy Tutin plays the mysterious Miss Madrigal...

TIMES CHOICE

THEATRE

IN PREVIEW

CHESS: The new musical by Tim Rice, Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvass...

OPENINGS

LA CAGE AUX POLLES: Broadway musical comedy by Jerry Herman and Harvey Fierstein...

SELECTED

HMS PINAFORE: Joe Dowling's famously camp Dublin production...

OUT OF TOWN

CAMBRIDGE: The Play's the Thing: P.G. Wodehouse's adaptation...

CONCERTS

BERNSTEIN, BLITZSTEIN: The Leonard Bernstein Festival continues with John Mauceri...

FILMS

OPENINGS

CLUE (PG): The film of the board game, gleefully written and directed by Jonathan Lynn...

SELECTED

ZINA (15): Zina is Trotsky's daughter - hauntingly played by Domiziana Giordano...

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OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

Tonight, Wed and May 10 at 7pm, revival of John Schlegel's enchanting production of Offenbach's Les cortès d'Hoffmann...

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA

Summer season opens at Cardiff on Tues (7.15pm) with a new production of Die Fledermaus...

ROCK AND JAZZ

PAUL BRADY

Gifted Irish singer-songwriter, on the brink of assured fame. Tonight, Yesterday, Bristol (0272 257670)...

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

SMITH BROTHERS: Tribute to a remarkable group of three 18th-century painters, William, George and John Smith of Chichester...

ARTS DIARY

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Reeling in off the radical fringe



Agnès Varda, the alternative voice of French cinema, gets a taste of box-office success

She belittled the grandmother of the French new wave cinema when she was only 30. She was the figurehead of the French women's movement in the 1970s. Now aged 58, Agnès Varda - a self-confessed "fringe film-maker" - is, despite herself, on the verge of commercial success with her latest work Vagabonde...

in 1961; feminism, she believes, is a question of fashion.

"Fashion varies and it is less chic nowadays to be feminist, especially for men. But the revolution is like the French Revolution, you can't go back. The decolonization of women, like the decolonization of countries, has been done. You can't go back to colonialism."

De Beauvoir proved with The Second Sex that biology is not fate.

Young women today have a freedom of choice. They can choose to look like dolls if they think it's fun. They have the choice which women did not before. Agnès Varda filmed Vagabonde in the winter of 1984/85, Europe's coldest season for years. She spoke to hitchhikers and spent hours in railway stations and police overnight shelters talking to runaway teenagers to create Mona and her band of vagrant pals.

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Silver to gold?

Recently Arts Diary revealed that veteran film director David Lean was, at 78, to direct a new movie. Now I can reveal the subject: Joseph Conrad's novel Nostromo, about the corruption which

Back on song

Followers of Steve Winwood, one of this country's most gifted rock musicians, will be relieved to hear the lad is still alive. There have been few sightings of him since his 1982 album Talking Back to the Night but at last there has been a new burst of activity. He has just delivered tapes of a new album, Back in the High Life, due for release this summer.

Nicholas Powell

Vagabonde is at the Renou, Russell Square, formerly Gate Bloomsbury (01-837-8402) and Minerva (01-225-4225) from Friday.

Christopher Wilson

Advertisement for the film 'RAN' by Akira Kurosawa, featuring a 3rd Sensational Month promotion.

Advertisement for the film 'ZINA' by Ken MacMillen, featuring Domiziana Giordano and Philip Madoc.

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Victim of assault poses out in court

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 2: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited Southend-on-Sea this morning.

Having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Essex (Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis), Her Royal Highness visited the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Southend-on-Sea.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips then drove to Southend Pier, where they were met by the Mayor of Southend-on-Sea, Councillor Philip Herbert, and named a train 'Sir John Bejerman'.

Afterwards, Her Royal Highness visited the Lifeboat Station and having been received by the Chairman of the Southend Branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (Mr C. Morehouse), named the Institution's new Lifeboat 'Percy Garon II'.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was later entertained at luncheon by the Mayor.

This afternoon Her Royal Highness visited the Abbeyfield Archer House, a new home for the elderly, at Laindon Road, Billerica, Essex.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Malcolm Wallace, travelled in the aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Queen was represented by Mr Richard Thornton (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Surrey) at the Funeral of Sir Michael Cresswell (formerly Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Buenos Aires) which was held in the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Eghurst.

A memorial service for Mr R.L. Howard will be held in the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge, at noon today.

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The Dean of Christ Church officiated, assisted by the Rev. Canon Sheehy, Mr Jonathan Cecil, son, read the lesson and an extract from 'The Fine Art of Reading', by Lord David. Miss Rachel Williams, Principal of St Hugh's College, Oxford, read 'The Life of Lord David Cecil'.

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Mr Norman Mitchell read 'My Dearest Dear', by Ivor Novello. Mr Norman Mitchell read 'Christmas Eve' by Thomas Hardy. Mrs Margaret Rawlings read 'Music When Soft Voices Die', by Shelley. Miss Chris Melville and Mr Roy Lansford gave addresses. Miss Helen Landis and Miss Valerie Jackson sang songs by Ivor Novello and Ned Gorman. Mrs W. H. V. Temple and Mrs M. J. G. Steele, of Lower Araby, Cambria, and Laura Jane, younger daughter, of Mr Sydney Jackson, of Hale, Hampshire, and Mrs Doris Jackson, of West Kensington, London.

Mr J.G. Steele and Miss K.M.D. Bushby. The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mr and Mrs G.K. Steele, of Fairmilehead, Edinburgh, and Katie, daughter, of Mrs J. Bushby and the late Dr T.F. Bushby, of Childwall, Liverpool.

Mr W.H.V. Temple and Miss M.J. Gaye. The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr W.V. Temple, M.C., R.E. (major), and Mrs V. Temple, of Nether Aldley, Cheshire, and Mary, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel the Rev D.B. and Mrs Gaye, of Sherborne, Dorset.

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CLARENCE HOUSE

May 2: Commandant S.P. Swallow today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Commandant-in-Chief, Women's Royal Naval Service, upon relinquishing her appointment as Director.

Commandant M.H. Fletcher also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming her appointment as Director, Women's Royal Naval Service.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother this afternoon visited Leighton House Museum, Kensington.

Lady Anged Oswald and Sir Martio Gilliat were in attendance.

The Queen will visit Stokes-on-Trent on May 8 to open the Queen's Garden Festival and the Beth Johnson Housing Association Sheltered Housing Scheme.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will visit the London School of Economics and the Royal Society on May 8 and attend the annual dinner of the Chief Constables Club at the Savoy Hotel.

The Queen will entertain the President of Portugal and Señora Soares at luncheon at Windsor Castle on May 12 and, later, will attend a reception given by the Portuguese Ambassador in honour of the president at 11 Belgrave Square, SW1, to celebrate the 600th Anniversary of the Treaty of Windsor.

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Mr Norman Mitchell read 'My Dearest Dear', by Ivor Novello. Mr Norman Mitchell read 'Christmas Eve' by Thomas Hardy. Mrs Margaret Rawlings read 'Music When Soft Voices Die', by Shelley. Miss Chris Melville and Mr Roy Lansford gave addresses. Miss Helen Landis and Miss Valerie Jackson sang songs by Ivor Novello and Ned Gorman. Mrs W. H. V. Temple and Mrs M. J. G. Steele, of Lower Araby, Cambria, and Laura Jane, younger daughter, of Mr Sydney Jackson, of Hale, Hampshire, and Mrs Doris Jackson, of West Kensington, London.

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OBITUARY

HENRI TOIVONEN

Leading international rally driver

Henri Toivonen, the Finnish international rally driver, was killed with his navigator, Sergio Cresto, in an accident during the Tour de Corse, yesterday. He was 29.

Although still young by World Championship standards, Toivonen was generally accepted as one of the most capable drivers in the world, and had already recorded several major victories including two wins in the British Lombard-RAC International Rally.

He was born in Jyväskylä, Finland, the son of Pauli Toivonen, who was himself a famous rally driver (his wins included victory in the Monte Carlo Rally of 1960, so it was almost inevitable that he would start to drive in competitions from an early age).

By the time he was 19 he was competing in World Championship rallies. His first notable result being fifth in the Finnish 1,000 Lakes event in 1977.

By 1980, when he was still only 24 years old, he had become an established member of the British Talbot team and became the youngest-ever winner of the Lombard-RAC event of that year.

After finishing seventh in the World Championship for drivers in 1981, he moved on to drive for Opel, but by 1984

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Memorial services

Sale room

Germans retrieve historic tea set

The German state foundation for the upkeep of historic castles and gardens sent a representative all the way from Berlin to Turquoy on Thursday to spend £13,800 (estimate £6,800-£10,000) on a tea set at about 1820-1840, or tea set for two.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1382.9 (+8.9) FT-SE 100 1652.5 (+12.4) USM (Datastream) 120.93 (+0.67)

New deal by B & C

The British & Commonwealth Shipping Co has acquired for an undisclosed sum a 55 per cent stake in Stock Beech, a regional broker with an emphasis on private clients.

Bowater buy

Bowater Industries, the paper and packaging group, is expanding its building's merchandising interests with the £12.5 million purchase of the building materials and roofing business, Roberts, Adlard.

RFD defence

The RFD Group, which makes parachutes and dinghys, launched its formal defence against the £24.9 million bid from the plastic sheet manufacturers, Wardle Stores, by forecasting a 27 per cent rise in earnings per share and a dividend increase of at least 12.5 per cent for the year just ended.

£20m offer

BM Group, a quoted subsidiary of C H Beazer, the builder, yesterday made a £20 million offer for Beauford Concrete Machinery. The terms are three BM shares for eight Beauford, with a cash alternative worth 79.5p a share.

Lex sale

Lex Service is completing the sale of its two remaining transport businesses. Bees Transport and Carpet Express are being acquired by their respective managements for a total of around £10 million.

USM debut

The Monotype Corporation is joining the Unlisted Securities Market through an offer-for-sale by Phillips & Drew, the broker. Of the 7.5 million shares on offer at 157p each, 4.2 million are being sold by existing shareholders and 3.3 million to raise new money for the company.

£227,000 pay

Mr Patrick Sheehy, chairman of BAT Industries, the tobacco, paper and financial services company, was paid £227,000 last year, according to the latest report and accounts. In 1984 he earned £200,000 including a performance bonus.

Screen Entertainment sold to Cannon for £175m

By Jeremy Warner Business Correspondent Screen Entertainment, Britain's largest film company and the owner of the ABC cinema circuit and Elstree film studios, yesterday changed hands for the second time in a month.



Menahem Golan (left) and Yoram Globus: 'some film and cinema rationalization inevitable'

Cannon, the Hollywood film conglomerate, signed a £175 million deal to buy the company from Mr Alan Bond, the Australian financier who only last month bought Screen Entertainment from Thorn EMI for £110 million.

Cannon already owns the Classic and Star cinema chains which, added to the 287 ABC screens owned by Screen Entertainment, would give it nearly 40 per cent of the British cinema market.

start shooting in July, would be reviewed. Mr Golan disclosed that Cannon had received outline planning permission for a 17-screen £7.5 million cinema complex in Soho, London, which would be the largest of its type in the world.

Mr Bond said he would be reinvesting some of the profits on the deal, which he estimated at £40 million after costs, in a 6 per cent stake in Cannon and would be joining the company's board.

Glynwed in £23m agreed bid

Glynwed International, manufacturer of consumer and building products, yesterday launched an agreed £23.2 million bid for Brickhouse Dudley, which makes manhole covers and drainage pipes.

Mr Richard Graves, chairman and chief executive of Brickhouse, said Glynwed had appeared to be the most compatible partner and would have been sought as a white knight in the event of any other bidder.

Glynwed is offering a nine-for-25 share swap worth 149p, with a 131p cash alternative. Brickhouse shares rose 23p to 149p, up from 95p on Tuesday when Glynwed made its first approach.

UK reserves best for four years

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves rose last month to their highest level since February, 1982. They were up by an underlying \$264 million (£173 million), the fourth successive monthly increase.

The reserves have increased by a total of \$786 million in the first four months of this year, almost recouping the \$941 million fall in the final three months of last year when the Bank of England used reserves to help push down the dollar and to support the pound.

The reserves stood at \$18,987 million (£12,222 million) at the end of April, compared with \$18,750 million (£12,686 million) at the end of March. Before adjustments the rise in the reserves was \$237 million.

PCW suit may seek triple damages

By Allison Eadie Lloyd's names on loss-stricken PCW syndicates will sue for triple damages in the United States this summer, if a satisfactory offer has not been made by Lloyd's and 37 other defendants. With syndicate losses expected to rise to £200 million or more, triple damages could be more than £600 million.

A letter written to PCW names yesterday by a steering committee, chaired by Lord Goodman, said that AUA3, the agency appointed by Lloyd's to manage the PCW syndicates, had instructed American lawyers to prepare a complaint on behalf of names as soon as possible. AUA3, whose chairman is Sir Ian Morrow, has been working very closely with the names' steering committee.

The names have decided to pursue their case in the United States because the American definition of fraud is wider than the British interpretation and because the Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations Act gives the statutory right to triple damages. The names also believe they have a good case for arguing that Lloyd's should have been registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission in order to sell Lloyd's membership to American names.

Sweet war turns bitter

The sweet war intensified yesterday as Dixons denied Woolworth's claim that confectionery suppliers would be hit if Dixons' £1.5 billion bid succeeded.

Dixons argued that as Woolworth had 840 stores in 1984, compared with Britain's 245,000 confectionery shops, reducing the number of Woolworth stores selling sweets would have a trivial effect.

Allied and Whitbread to link wine operations

Allied-Lyons, the brewing and food group, and Whitbread, the brewer, are to amalgamate their table wine operations in a jointly-owned company with net assets of £52 million and a prospective annual turnover of about £270 million.

It would create a big new business with sufficient resources to compete effectively in world light wine markets against increasingly international competition, the companies said.

Professions must fall into line, says SIB chief

A head on clash between the new City watchdog, the Securities and Investments Board, and the professions looks likely after the SIB's chairman, Sir Kenneth Berill, gave a warning yesterday that the professions must bring themselves within the regulatory regime proposed for the City.

Unit Trust statistics for the year to 1st April

Table with 4 columns: Trust, Percentage increase in value, Position, and total number in sector. Rows include European, International, Pacific, Japan, Special Situations, Income & Growth, U.K., Practical, American, High Income.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with 2 columns: STOCK MARKETS and CURRENCIES. Lists various market indices and exchange rates.

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

Table with 2 columns: RISES and FALLS. Lists price changes for various companies and sectors.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Only 10 major players may survive Big Bang

Gazing into the murky future beyond October's big bang has become a favourite City parlour game and there are about as many opinions as there are self-appointed soothsayers. One of the few points of general agreement is that size is what will count in London's capital markets and that conditions will only allow a handful of giant institutions to hold the field.

size, diversity and capital strength looks inevitable for any serious competitor in capital markets anywhere in the world. Mr Wilkinson was at pains to reiterate NatWest's view that it was choosing a middle course between developing in-house expertise - the Lloyds Bank approach - and the highly expensive acquisition of brokers and dealers - the Barclays approach.

High street's best buy

Stanley Kalms has an impressive reputation as a retailer who can read the signs and is surrounded by a group of men dedicated to the Dixons' quantum leap. Dixons' successful acquisition of Currys in December 1984 demonstrated good thinking, foresight and opportunism in equal measure.

themselves and their own shareholders a bid as high as £12 a share. Much of the argument will centre on the validity of Dixons' figures in the sense of justifying in the eyes of Woolworth shareholders the extraordinarily high rating of Dixons' shares (40 times historic earnings). This is the carefully prepared platform from which Dixons has launched its bid.

Oppenheimer advertisement with large vertical logo and contact information for Unit Trust statistics.

WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) - Wall Street prices opened higher yesterday in active trading. The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 6.40 to 1777.78 on Thursday, was up 6.44 to 1784.22 shortly after the market opened. Advancing issues led declining issues by 588 to 364 among the 1,409 issues crossing the New York Stock Exchange tape.

The stock market suffered its third consecutive day of losses on Thursday, but analysts said the decline seemed to be tapering off. Although the market gave ground on Thursday, its losses were small compared with those seen on Tuesday, when the Dow dropped 18 points, and on Wednesday, when it plunged nearly 42 points, suffering its biggest single-day loss in history.

Table with columns for company names (e.g., AMR, ASA, Allied Signal) and their stock prices and changes.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Table showing market rates for Sterling spot and forward rates, including columns for market rates, market rates, and market rates.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table showing other sterling rates for various currencies and locations, including Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, etc.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table showing money market rates and gold prices, including base rates, discount rates, and gold prices.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table showing dollar spot rates for various countries, including Ireland, Luxembourg, Malaysia, etc.

COMMODITIES

Table showing commodity prices for various goods, including sugar, cocoa, and other commodities.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table showing investment trusts and their performance, including various fund names and their values.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table showing London financial futures prices, including three-month sterling, gold, and other futures.

THE PRICES AND UNIT TRADING QUOTATIONS ON THIS PAGE REFER TO THURSDAY'S TRADING.

Table showing unit trading quotations for various investment trusts, including names and prices.

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Coloroll would bring mugs into fashion

The burden of proof in the Coloroll Pottery bid for Staffordshire Pottery now rests with the mug manufacturer...

side to £30 million a year, and further smaller ceramics purchases are likely...

BM Group

CH Beazer may be preoccupied with the integration of French Kier, which it acquired last year...

There has since been a tremendous recovery. The management has turned 1980's losses of £2.78 million before tax into profits of £2.53 million in 1985...

Monotype

The Monotype Corporation, the latest new issue on the USM, will be welcome to the extent that it provides punters with a vehicle for investing in Fleet Street's changing ways...

Philips & Drew, the broker, is bringing the company to the USM on a historic multiple of 13.6 times earnings. The notional yield, with the shares at 157p, is 4 per cent.

COMPANY NEWS

TORDAY AND CARLISLE: Total dividend of 13.5p for 1985. Turnover £142.5 million (£13 million). Pretax profit £618,000 (£486,000). Earnings per share 16.5p (20.0p).

FLOGAS: The board has arranged, subject to shareholders' approval, to raise about £2.92 million by placing 1.35 million new ordinary shares at 160p each.

DRAYTON CONSOLIDATED TRUST: Interim dividend 2.75p (2.5p) for six months to March 31, 1986. Net revenue before tax £2.1 million (£2.19 million). Fully diluted earnings per share 4.27p (4.15p).

RUSH & TOMPKINS: Second interim dividend of 6.25p for the 15-month period to March 31, 1986. This makes a total so far of 8.45p (a total of 7.65p was paid for the year 1984).

MANGANESSE BRONZE: The company has completed the purchase from Minerals Separation of the remaining 50 per cent of North Derbyshire Metal Products (maker of aluminium powder) for £100,000.

BANRO INDUSTRIES: Mr Edward Rose, the chairman, told the annual meeting: 'We have made a satisfactory start to the year in line with our overall group budget.'

PROPERTY TRUST: The trust plans to raise about £2.26 million, before expenses, by an underwriting rights issue of 113.22 million new 'A' ordinary shares at 2p each on a three-for-two basis.

PARK FOOD GROUP: The group has acquired 68.4 per cent of Warrington-based Lamb & Wain for £30,400 cash, Lamb, which is a compounder and sale of wine and spirit merchant, had sales of £2.9 million in the year to Sept. 30, 1985, with pretax profits of £39,000 and net assets of £148,000.

FRIENDS PROVIDENT LIFE OFFICE: The merger between Friends Provident and United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution is not to be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Shares stirred by bids and US interest in blue chips

The stock market staged a rally yesterday, after Thursday's shakeout, but business levels were sharply reduced by the holiday weekend.

which followed Prudential's hefty cash-call. Jaguar climbed 19p to 495p, helped by US buying, which was in turn encouraged by the chairman's cheerful comments at Thursday's annual meeting.

Benford Concrete put on 2p to 83p on the first and final offer from BM Group, which was 17p lower at 236p. Coia Industries returned from suspension at 102p, up 7p, on the offer from Burgess Group.

higher at 183p and Hartwells, 7p to the good at 113p. Roberts Adlard was suspended briefly, but closed 20p firmer at 250p, following a surprise bid from Bowater.

RECENT ISSUES

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Allied-Whitbread venture

Biggest wine company set up

The launching of a jointly-owned production and marketing company for table wines, announced by Allied Lyons and Whitbread yesterday, will create what is said to be the biggest wine company in the British market.

are to compete successfully. IDV, part of Grand Metropolitan, is another British wines and spirits operation which has developed strongly worldwide.

voured light wine against beer, although the rate of increase eased to just under 10 per cent last year.

Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, chairman of Allied, said that the new deal was a further move to developing the company's international strategy after the signing of the contract to buy Hiram Walker Spirits.



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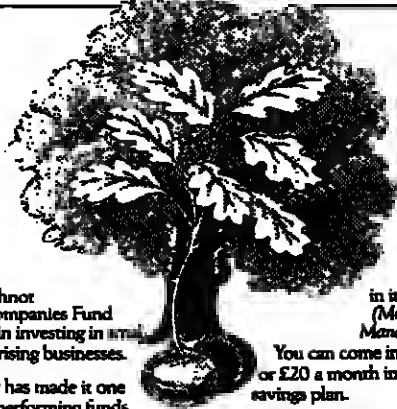
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America beckons again

UNIT TRUSTS

For the past two weeks European institutional investors have been hearing one man's view of what Wall Street has in store for them this year. The man was Burton M. Siegel, chief investment guru of American investment bankers Drexel Burnham Lambert. The message: the great steam engine known as the American economy is about to start moving and the US share market will be pulled along behind.

From Zurich to London and Paris to Amsterdam, Mr Siegel told his clients it was time to get on board the train before the Dow Jones Industrial Average, currently in the late 1700s, moved forward to hit the 2,100 mark by the end of the year.

So is this the right time for small investors to be climbing into one of the many American unit trusts available? The answer from fund managers is a guarded yes. However, they say there appears no need to rush into the sector tomorrow and they warn that the returns, while quite healthy by historic standards, are unlikely to be of the startling size recorded by the best-performing unit trusts in many stock markets during the past year.

Investors who had their money in American funds in the past year know only too well that getting the currency factor right is just as important as picking the best-performing stocks. Because, while the Dow Jones average steamed ahead by some 45 per cent during the past 12 months, the dollar fell off its lofty perch and landed with a great lump. The pound's rise from \$1.23 to \$1.55 meant that more than half of that market rise was wiped out when it came to repatriating the profits - unless of course a fund hedged its earnings by selling forward in the currency markets.

One trust that hedged its commitments almost to the

final cent and penny was the aptly named Gartmore Hedged American Fund. As a result it gained 31.4 per cent on an offer-to-offer basis to place it third best performer in the sector. However, it seems unlikely that this type of blanket hedging will reap such benefits for investors this year. Most expert opinion says that the dollar at long last is finding its feet and should stabilise or perhaps improve a little. For the first time in recent years American goods can be priced at sensible levels to overseas markets while imports to the United States are losing their competitive edge.

"The dollar is now looking at the cheap end of the range and is at a reasonable level which should help America reduce its trade deficit," said Brian O'Neill of Gartmore.

Mr O'Neill admits that a rising dollar would hurt investors to the hedged fund. However, he is also able to pull from his other sleeve the other Gartmore American fund which at the moment is half hedged and half unhedged. This trust rose 25.1 per cent over the last year, still comfortably above the 16.5 per cent sector average.

Over at Touche Remnant, William Vincent has now deduced the TR American Growth Fund which fared best of all during the past year with a 50.4 per cent rise. "We were hedged 70 per cent for most of last year till the end of the

"The dollar is at a reasonable level"

— then we gradually cut down by leaving the size of the hedge unchanged as the fund grew from £1 million to £4 million," he said.

Mr Vincent, who also expects the dollar to bottom out pretty soon, seems to be picking his shares wisely as well. In unhedged form, the TR Fund has risen 22 per cent in the past three months by jumping into and out of the



Wall Street: It's all starting to happen, say the experts

market where opportunities presented themselves. New issues, such as investment bank Morgan Stanley and the M.S. Carriers trucking firm, have brought sizeable gains which have a marked effect on a trust as small as this one.

The fund has also fared well in financial stocks, such as savings banks, brokerage houses and fund management groups, which have rocketed ahead as American interest rates have fallen. Now Mr Vincent is looking at issues more sensitive to an economic upturn, although he says Wall Street may take a bit of a breather before moving higher from mid-summer when corporate earnings should begin to rise.

Mr O'Neill is also expecting a rise in the market in the second half of 1986 and said

the Dow Jones average should make 2,100 by the end of the year. However, he warns that investors should not expect too much more than that because the American economic recovery is a selective one. "The recent housing fig-

Technology is back in favour

ures were good but the oil and farm sectors are still looking negative. Also there are likely to be fewer leveraged buyouts and mergers than we saw last year."

One area at which both Mr Vincent and Mr O'Neill are now looking with more favour is technology, an almost unmitigated disaster last year after the boom days of the early 1980s.

The trauma was so bad that one fund group, Sentinel, revamped and broadened its technology trust, renaming it the American Technical and General fund. The high risk unlisted stocks have gone and the technology weighting is down to 15 per cent with secondary growth stocks filling much of the portfolio.

"Hoping against hope that he has not moved out of technology at the wrong time, Sentinel fund manager Hugh Young said: "I think the worst is over for the technology sector but stocks in this group will still have the problem of not having enough resources to take projects beyond research and development."

While he does not expect any fireworks with his new policy, the results have been encouraging so far with a 15 per cent rise since January after a 25 per cent nosedive last year.

US UNIT TRUSTS

Results of £100 investment held over 3 years

	3 years	1 yr	3 yrs
Abbey American Growth	111.0	121.4	164.4
Abbey US Emerging Cos	110.9	108.0	
Allied Dunbar Am Spec St	109.0	114.8	152.1
Allied Dunbar Sec Of Amer	107.9	113.8	
Arbuthnot Portfolio US	114.5	128.2	162.8
Atlanta American Spec Gwth	108.3	118.5	
Atlantic Canadian	118.5	100.7	
Balfic American	110.0	110.9	116.4
Barclay American	115.4	117.2	115.8
Baring First N American	111.1	117.9	161.8
Barrington North American	111.2	112.7	114.8
BG America	118.5	133.9	
Bridge American & General	110.9	110.4	124.9
Britannia American Sm Cos	112.6	110.7	116.0
Britannia American Growth	108.4	122.7	154.5
Britannia American Income	102.3	117.5	
Brown Shipley N American	114.5	125.6	155.6
Canada Growth	98.6	78.8	105.3
Canon North American	116.3	120.5	
County Bank North American	118.6	124.1	124.5
Crown American	117.4	119.0	
CS America	102.7		
Danden North American	114.8		
Eagle Star North American	118.0	130.3	112.4
EFM American	115.4	130.8	
Equitable North American	111.0	111.0	130.8
Equity & Law North American	110.3	118.3	
F&G American Equity Income	110.8	111.5	
Fidelity Amer Equity Income	115.0	108.9	108.0
Fidelity American Spec Sts	119.3	122.2	138.2
Fidelity American	111.0	111.6	147.0
Franklin American Gen	102.1	122.8	134.9
Franklin American Trnd	113.7	128.7	138.8
GAM North America	109.0	122.6	
Gartmore American	114.5	125.1	132.8
Gartmore Hedged American	119.3	131.4	
Govett American Growth	116.6	118.7	
Govett American Income	102.3	122.8	
GRE North American	111.8	118.1	154.4
Growth American	118.2	120.1	
GT Technology & Growth	102.9	94.4	84.9
GT US & General	114.5	122.0	127.5
Guinness Mathon N American	112.8	108.9	152.9
Hambros Canadian	110.9	111.0	
Hambros North American	111.4	113.5	
Henderson Amer Sm Cos	107.3	108.8	110.8
Henderson American Rec	108.1	112.3	140.6
Henderson North American	107.1	110.8	133.4
Hill Samuel Dollar	110.9	116.6	123.4
Holborn North American	122.7		
James Capel North American	111.0	108.9	143.2
Keenwood Ban Amer Gwth	111.0	127.4	
LAS North American Equity	117.4	128.8	
Lawsen American Growth	104.8	103.8	
Legal & General North American	113.4		
Lloyds Bank North American	109.0	112.8	128.0
Lloyds Lib US Growth	110.2	112.4	
London & Manchester America	110.9	108.8	
M&G American & General	110.6	123.5	136.2
M&G American Recovery	111.8	121.4	157.5
M&G American Smaller Cos	114.1	128.4	
Manulife North American	112.4	115.8	
Mercury American Growth	109.9	123.7	155.8
Mercury American Income	107.0	113.0	
Mitlani Bank N American	118.8	121.4	138.7
MIM US Special Features	115.6	108.5	
MIM US Special Income	106.1	115.3	
Murray American	108.3	115.8	158.5
New Court America	107.9	125.1	110.4
NPI Americas	111.5		
Oppenheimer American Gwth	114.6	126.4	
Parnatus American Growth	116.9	123.7	
Profit American Income	112.4		
Profit North American	113.9	124.1	147.4
Prov Capitol North American	110.8	121.6	
Rowan America	112.0	122.2	129.6
Royal Life United States	116.5	122.8	
Royal London Amer Gwth	114.5	130.4	
S&P American Int & Growth	107.5	116.5	
S&P United States Growth	110.4	119.3	138.4
S&W American	112.5	112.5	167.5
Schroder American	112.7	122.8	128.6
Schroder US Smaller Cos	112.9	111.2	
Scott Equitable American	111.5		
Scott Life American	108.5	108.3	
Scott Mutual North American	111.4	114.2	
Scottish North American	105.8	110.5	
Scottish North American Income	104.2		
Sentinel American Technology	113.7	83.0	71.9
Sentinel American Majors	115.1	127.4	
St Vincent US Growth	113.1	109.5	
Stewart Ivory American	112.0	122.0	142.7
Sun Alliance North American	113.2	114.7	
Sun Life American Growth	124.5		
Sun Life American Income	116.9		
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Tyndall North American	103.7	115.7	
UK Provident N American	110.7		
Vanguard American & Gen	113.9		
Wardley American	107.4	111.0	141.4
Wardley Canadian Growth	121.4		
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The reputation of the Inland Revenue people for being absolute terrors when rounding up the last little bit of unpaid tax seems to be running ahead of them at the moment.

The parking perk

Deskbound executives with car parking privileges should watch out for an unpleasant tax bill, warns the latest issue of Tolley's Practical Tax.

teams of Inland Revenue auditors are touring the country in an effort to find hidden benefits supplied by employers to their staff. There is growing evidence that the PAYE audit teams are suggesting that car parking facilities provided by employers for their staff come within the tax net.

Tax program

The Inland Revenue has at last acknowledged that the tax system is so complicated you need a computer to understand it. The latest offer from the tax man is a microcomputer program called 'Tax-Ed' designed to show young people how the income tax system works.

American cover

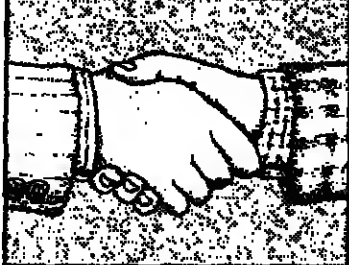
The problems of drivers who rent cars while travelling in the United States have been aired many times in Family Money. In the United States drivers are not obliged to carry unlimited third party liability cover and as a result, if you are involved in an accident, you may have damages awarded against the other driver but you will probably find that he is unable to pay because he is uninsured or underinsured.

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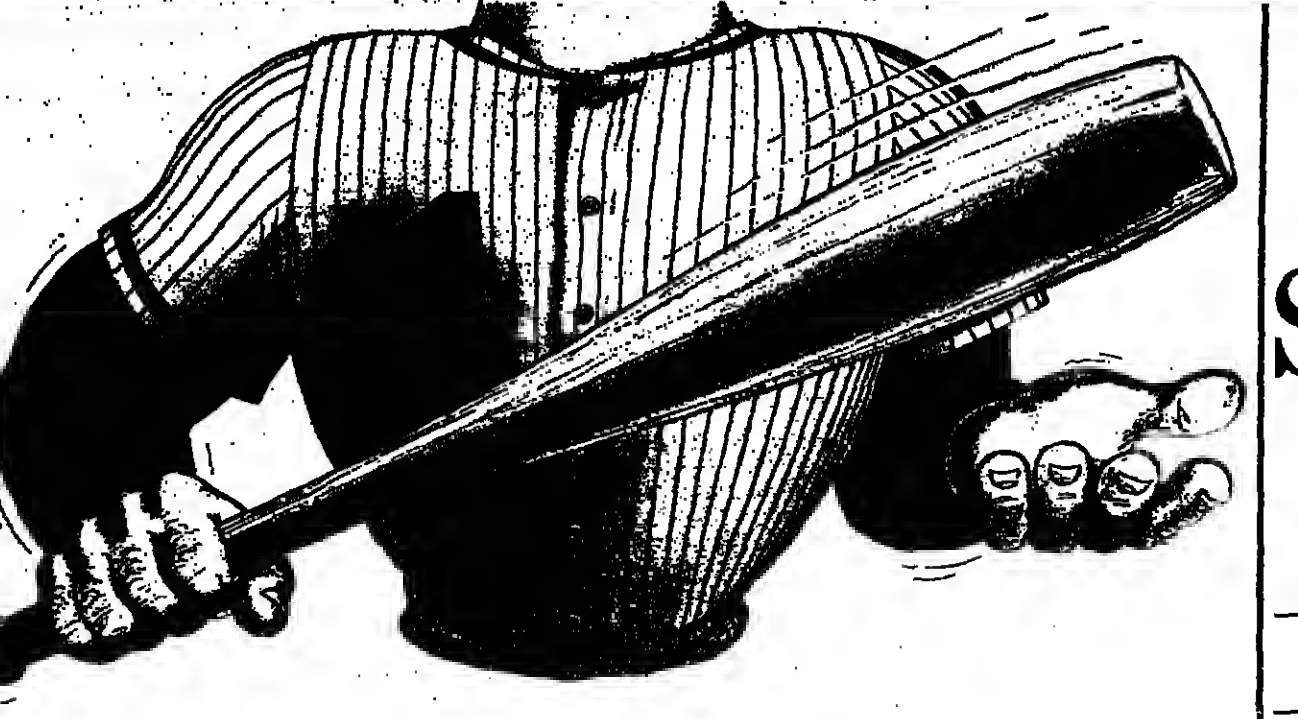
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Eyes down for the bargains and the snags

CARPETS

Sorting out the good shares from the bad looks like a doddle compared with sorting out the good guys from the baddies in the rug trade.

Oriental carpets can obviously be a sound investment, but the pitfalls are horrendous.

Even talking to the different sides of the trade you find there is fierce rivalry, if not bitches. The sort of carpets you might buy divide into three rough groups: exquisite expensive rugs which will never be put on the floor, middling carpets which you can use with care, and unpretentious floor coverings which can nevertheless still hold their value.

Antique carpets are most highly prized. Caroline Bosly, a carpet broker, says: "People feel that an antique carpet has proved itself, but it will cost more. It's a better investment to grow your own antiques."

"Get a reliable person to help you choose your rug. Then walk on it, play on it and let the puppy wee on it as long as you have a bottle of soda oo hand to douse it with."

But David Black, a carpet dealer who has a shop in Holland Park, west London, disagrees: "The new carpets that we sell will go up in value but not so dramatically as the antique things."

And Sotheby's carpet expert Stephen Wolff says that if your puppy wees a carpet "you can forget it".

Caroline Bosly takes her

clients to the International Oriental Carpet Centre (IOCC) at the Highgate end of Gospel Oak, north London, to look at thousands of new carpets laid out in piles in this bonded warehouse.

She works on a commission basis, taking just a few per cent of the price of the carpet from clients. The carpets have no price tags, but the range is from around £150 to £3,000.

Mr Black is, however, dismissive of the carpet selection in the bonded warehouse. He says: "A lot of people are being taken around the warehouse and sold carpets made of chemical dyes. I wouldn't touch most of the stuff with a bargepole. It's ugly. They have no taste. You can see mountains of boring rugs at these warehouses."

Where else can you go to buy rugs? One thing that

'Export cancellations completely bogus'

almost everyone agrees about is the fly-by-night auctions run from hotel rooms or other temporary premises. The sales are usually said to be special one-offs due to bankruptcy or the rise in shipping insurance. But experts claim that there is very little investment value in these rugs.

Caroline Bosly agrees: "Cancelled export orders sold off near an airport are completely bogus. Very often the auctioneer will be misleading and say, for instance, that a rug is from Iran when it is a



Caroline Bosly, with a background in carpets, says you need expert help

Pakistani copy. You have no redress. People have paid higher prices at these auctions than they would at Harrods."

I went to an auction in Hampstead on a Sunday afternoon. The prices certainly were just £60 - but how can you tell if the buyer was genuine rather than the auctioneer's stooge? The auctioneer was not keen to talk about his trade.

He said: "I don't want to give my name. I have enough publicity. There is so much jealousy in the business. It is

because we are so much cheaper than the shops."

There are also those who do not have a good word to say for the reputable auction houses. "The big auction houses have been asking high

£28,000 price for Wagner's carpet

prices," says Mr Black. "They have been left with large numbers of lots unsold."

Sotheby's says that at times 30 to 40 per cent of its rugs have been left unsold. But at the recent big Islamic sale only 22 per cent of the carpets were unsold.

Sotheby's has big antique carpet auctions in April and October, and smaller, less expensive sales throughout the year. The next is on July 30.

At the recent sale the cheapest carpets went for around £600. The two most expensive were £28,600 - a Heriz carpet belonging to Richard Wagner (estimated price £15,000 to £25,000) and a mid-16th-century Persian carpet (estimated price £40,000 to £60,000). "The carpet market is very difficult," said a spokesman.

One advantage of buying a carpet through a shop or gallery, such as Mr David Black's is that you can take it home to try it out in your house. "We have never lost anything in 25 years," says Mr Black. Both he and Caroline Bosly will sell carpets that have been bought from them. "My company provides a shoulder to lean on," says Caroline Bosly. "I invented the job of carpet broker, so it's not difficult to get a monopoly. You should never buy a rug purely as an investment, but it is nice to know that something

you buy is getting more valuable as you use it. But don't spend the grocery money on it."

If you want to be able to sort out the Baluchis from the Bagamas, then you should start by reading the books - such as Caroline Bosly's *Rugs to Riches* or David Black's *World Rugs & Carpets*. Then set about looking at the real things.

The department stores such as Liberty and Harvey Nichols are good for browsing. Then pick your expert - unless you can really tell a vegetable dye from a chemical dye, spot a carpet that has had a "salt wash" which is a chemical treatment, and pinpoint where a carpet was made.

The right choice may make you rich

The copies from places such as Pakistan will never have any real value. The best carpets come from Persia (or Iran), Turkey, the Caucasus, Afghanistan and China.

But finding one with a graceful or vibrant design made of good quality materials and treated well could be your path from rags to riches.

Caroline Bosly, 13 Princess Road, Regent's Park, London NW1 (01-722 7608). Rugs to Riches, published by Allen & Unwin, out-of-print. New edition at £12.50 out soon. David Black, 96 Portland Road, London W11 (01-727 2566). World Rugs & Carpets, edited by David Black. £12.95. Country Life Books (contact Sue Bond 01-381 1324).

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It's the time to change your home loan

MORTGAGES

If you are paying more than 11 per cent for your home loan, now is the time to rearrange your mortgage. The scramble to lend by building societies and financial institutions has not been so hectic for years.

In most cases switching from a repayment to an endowment mortgage makes a lot of financial sense, but the smart home owner is switching from either of these two types to a pension mortgage if he possibly can.

Many mortgages are receiving invitations from their building societies to switch from repayment to endowment at no extra cost.

But if you have self-employed earnings or you are in a job with no pension you really should consider the third mortgage option. Now there is no longer tax relief on endowment mortgage premiums, pension mortgages are by far the most tax efficient way of buying a home for the self-employed or company director.

Unfortunately, anyone in "pensionable employment" — a member of a company pension scheme — does not qualify. But read on for various ways of joining the bandwagon.

The beauty of a mortgage linked to a pension plan is that it enjoys three tax breaks compared with the endowment version which now only benefits from one tax break. The endowment version results in tax free cash at the end of the mortgage term and is designed to be able to repay the loan and also leave a pleasant lump sum over.

The pension mortgage can do this too, but unlike the endowment, the pension fund is free of all tax during the time it is being invested. So the saver benefits from the maximum investment growth.

With an endowment policy the life office pays corporation and capital gains tax on the fund each year.

A pension mortgage's third tax bonus is that the contributions can be fully offset against income tax, from the basic 70 per cent right up to the top 60 per cent. This is even better than when endowment mortgages offered tax relief of half the basic rate tax only, (before the 1984 Budget abolished the perk). The top rate tax relief, as our table shows, makes pension mortgages the nearest thing to a licence to print money.

At the end of the loan period — and a pension mortgage cannot be made available until the borrower has reached a minimum of 60 — the loan is repaid from the commuted tax

free lump sum — as with an endowment mortgage, but on top of that there is a pension for life for very little extra outlay.

In our example we cite the results of taking out a with-profits pension mortgage with high flyer Target Life, assuming two annual growth rates for the fund of 10 and 15 per cent. Considering Target Life has managed an impressive growth rate in the last 10 years for its pension unit linked funds (see below), these look fairly conservative estimates.

There is a nil surplus in the 10 per cent annual fund growth example because the £50,000 mortgage is paid off exactly, leaving £15,123 a year pension.

In the second more optimistic example, having paid off the mortgage there is a £22,021 lump sum remaining after paying off the mortgage plus a pension of £33,862. Obviously if our 40-year-old paid out more on the 10 per cent growth example he would have a cash surplus as well.

Many people are put off by the hassle and cost of re-mortgaging, but given that interest on loans currently range from as low as 10.5 per cent to as high as 12 per cent, it is worth considering. London-based financial consultant Fairchild, recognising the vogue for re-mortgaging, are this week offering a free service to clients. Fairchild will organise a highly competitive 10.75 per cent loan and will carry any legal and arrangement fees.

Anyone who is self-employed and on Schedule D can put up to 17.5 per cent of "net relevant earnings" into a personal pension plan and obtain tax relief on the premiums. All or part of such a plan can be linked to a mortgage. Incidentally anyone born before 1934 can put away up to 20 per cent.

If you work for a company with a pension scheme which allows "additional voluntary contributions", it may be possible to organize a pension mortgage linked to these contributions.

One-man companies and company directors are in the most fortunate position because in their case the law doesn't insist the pension fund has to be divided into part pension, part cash at the end of the term. A company director can save for a tax free lump sum only, and therefore the cost of the exercise can be a lot cheaper pro rata.

It is also possible to take out a pension mortgage on a spouse's self-employed income if, say, the major earner has a company pension scheme.

It is also possible to arrange

a part endowment mortgage, part pension mortgage as a better-than-nothing alternative. This might be appropriate, if for example a wife has her own business making children's clothes on the kitchen table. Her earnings could finance the pension part of the mortgage and gain the extra tax relief denied to her other half's endowment mortgage.

Don't forget to consider also both partners splitting a pension mortgage between them. Although this won't make much difference to the mortgage part of the contract, if the partners are being taxed separately, they can benefit from their own tax relief entitlements as far as the pension and lump sum portions are concerned. A wife paying pension contributions in her own right will always earn a better pension than paying everything into the husband's pension plan and relying on the widow's benefits.

Another small, but important point to bear in mind is that a wife on schedule D should make some pension provision anyway, because come retirement it makes sense to take advantage of her "earned income allowance" thereby reducing the tax liability. A pension resulting from a

mortgage. Some self-employed earners are so tax efficient that they

GRAHAM AND I SHARE A PENSION MORTGAGE — I COLLECT THE PENSION AND HE PAYS THE MORTGAGE.



pension mortgage could be one way of providing for this. John Woulough, sales development manager of Sun Life, makes the point that if a self-employed person's business goes bust, if he then joins a company with a pension scheme, he will have to switch from his pension mortgage to an endowment. However, he will be better off even after, say, just 10 years of a pension mortgage. His pension fund, though "frozen" will continue to roll up free of tax. Also he might well have accumulated sufficient premiums during the 10 years to have covered the loan repayment by the end of the term and wouldn't even have to change his type of

What type of pension mort-

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£1,000 single premium		£1,000 regular premium plan	
fund at retirement	pension	fund at retirement	pension
GRE Equity	3,634	498	1,875
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Sun Life Far East	3,505	486	1,588
Standard Life Equity	3,337	475	1,315
Provincial Equity	3,241	441	1,500
With-profits policies			
London Life	2,516	345	10,644
Ecclesiastical	2,282	310	10,417
Scottish Equitable	2,257	309	10,169
Equitable	2,257	341	9,814
Pearl	2,192	305	9,741
General Accident			
			1,318

Sources: Money Magazine*
*Copies of The Full Personal Pension Survey are available from Money Magazine, Dept PS, 129 Church Hill Road, North Chesham, Surrey, SM3 8LJ

MONTHLY COST OF UNIT-LINKED PENSION MORTGAGE OF £50,000 AT 11% FOR SELF-EMPLOYED MAN AGED 40, REPAYABLE AT 65

Cost interest on loan	Pension premium	Total	Benefits after mortgage repaid			
			Projected surplus	Projected surplus	Pension of	
£	£	£	£	£	£	
Gross	485.33	147.88	595.90	188,428	Nil	15,123pa
Net	378.58	105.07	475.05 (at 29% tax)	428.21 (at 40% tax)	343.86 (at 60% tax)	33,862pa

Pension figures: Target Life

gage should you choose — "unit linked" or "with profits"? The consensus at the moment is that unit linked contracts have performed much better than with profits in the last 10 years or so.

Martin Palmer of Fairchild, however, would suggest that with profits is safer for a short term policy because he says "you need a few years to do a unit linked policy justice and iron out the up and downs of the equity markets."

As with any with profits/unit linked policy choice, it very much depends on the saver's own attitude to risk and reward. A lot of people feel happy with a with-profits vehicle because it is lower risk — the annual bonuses are guaranteed once added to the fund.

There are no guarantees with a unit linked policy and the value of the policy can go down as well as up as a high proportion of the fund is directly affected by the fortunes of the equity markets. Don't forget you can always hedge your bets and do a part with profits/part unit linked policy.

According to the February issue of Money Magazine, the top performer in its pension

plan performance table was Target Life's unit linked managed fund which produced £46,646 on premiums of £1,000 a year over 10 years.

Scottish Amicable's with-profits pension plan over the same period, with the same £1,000 invested was the top yielder at £34,220. The difference is palpable.

If you are able to pay a pension mortgage premium annually instead of every month there are two advantages. Most life offices charge an extra 3.25 per cent administration fee for monthly payments. Don't be put off by a cool reception from your local branch, bank or building society manager.

If he can't help there are plenty of other institutions out there which can. Generally speaking, banks are more imaginative and flexible than building societies and relatively new boys in the field like Chase Manhattan and Chemical Bank are good bets for more sophisticated arrangements.

Don't try to compare and contrast on your own. There are too many ifs and buts and angles.

Hilaire Gomer

Rebirth of the baby bond

Baby bonds are back. But they are not quite the bonny bouncing bargains plumped up with every tax advantage going that we saw before.

The Baby Bond Mark I issued by the Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society — a 10-year, tax-exempt policy written on the child's life — was withdrawn after just three months because the Inland Revenue was incensed at the success of these tax-privileged bonds.

More than 10,000 policies were issued, and another 3,000 were on the way. The Inland Revenue thought the figure was too high and that the friendly society was abusing its status as one of the old societies which could write these tax-exempt policies.

The new policies are not tax-exempt. The friendly society pays corporation tax and capital gains tax on the fund, although as qualifying policies the proceeds at the end of 10 years will be tax-free in the hands on the investors.

At the time of the launch of Baby Bond Mark I it was said that the tax exempt status would mean that gains of 10 per cent would be boosted to 15 per cent.

But now the people from Tunbridge Wells hint that returns on the new policy will not be very different from those of a tax-exempt policy. The start-up cost of the scheme can be offset against tax, capital gains are indexed and in a new and growing fund there will be few reasons to realize any gains.

These unit-linked funds will be managed by Kleinwort Benson, the largest merchant bank in the UK. Premiums for each policy are limited to £100 or £200 a year (or lump sums of £810 or £1,620).

But there is no limit of how many policies an adult can buy for any child, including his or her own. The proceeds of the policy belong to the child on maturity after 10 years and will not be aggregated with the parents' income.

On maturity the policy can be cashed in, or allowed to grow with or without new contributions.

The policy is written on the life of the child but by law there can be no pay-out beyond a return of premiums until the child is 10 — presu-

ably to stop infanticide of those too small to beat off attackers.

After 10 the policy pays out £750 for those policies with contributions of £100 a year and £1,500 for those on £200 a year.

An investment in a Baby Bond Mark II of £100 a year for 10 years is projected to grow to £1,533 assuming a growth rate of 10 per cent in the units and to £1,752 at a 12.5 per cent growth rate.

Units in the Dominion Growth Fund, will be mostly invested in equities.

The baby bond — (although they do not call it that) — on offer from the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows Friendly Society still retains its tax-exempt status.

The number of these policies runs into hundreds rather

than thousands, so the Inland Revenue has no qualms about the friendly society getting too aggressive in its marketing.

Ron Day of the Cambridge branch of the society said: "We obviously don't do a big push on it otherwise it might attract attention."

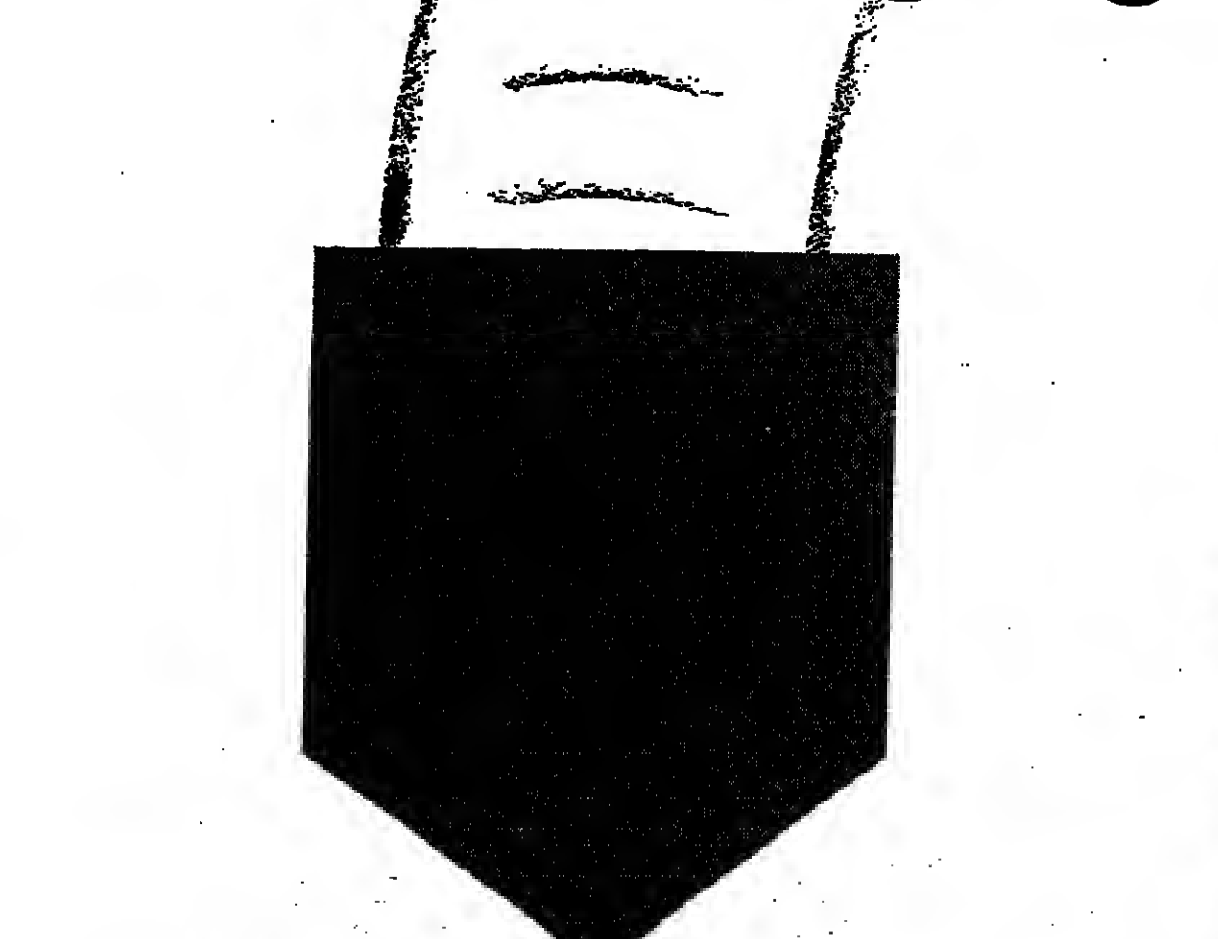
Ron Day of the Cambridge branch of the society said: "A new policy without tax exempt status would build up expenses in the launch so that they would not pay any tax for years. But it's a short-term view to say that it doesn't make much difference."

The Manchester Unity policy written on a child's life is limited to premiums of £100 a year. These are invested in a tax exempt account with the Northern Rock Building Society. Assuming a 12 per cent return, the investment would turn into £1,800 after 10 years.

Details: Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society, Abbey Court, St Johns Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 9TE. Tel: Tunbridge Wells (0892) 41466. Manchester Unity Friendly Society, Oddfellows House, 40 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AB. Tel: Manchester (061) 832 9361.

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Better terms in the summer

STUDENTS

Hundreds of Oxford students who received payment from their parents through covenants last year found themselves having difficulty claiming supplementary benefits during the long summer vacation.

In previous years social security officials had accepted that parental contributions to grants made through covenants related only to the weeks of term time and the two short vacations. This entitles students with no other visible means of support to weekly payments of supplementary benefits during summer.

But last summer the claims office in Oxford suddenly started treating covenant payments as covering all 52 weeks of the year, thereby disqualifying or reducing maintenance entitlements to supplementary benefits during the summer months.

Students eventually got their benefit through *ex gratia* payments. The problems at Oxford apparently had been caused by an anomaly in the rules, but what is the situation for students this summer?

Last November Tony Newton, the Minister for Social Security, introduced statutory regulations to ensure that students with parental covenants should not be discriminated against in this fashion again.

State education grants and ordinary non-covenanted parental contributions, for in-

stance, have always been regarded as weekly income during the academic year only — excluding the long vacation when students qualify for supplementary benefits.

The regulations were announced late last year, then, to restore the status quo — much to the relief of the National Union of Students, not to mention those parents appalled to find their tax savings effectively being paid for through their offspring's loss of supplementary benefits.

The rules are as follows. Covenanted income that brings a student's income up to the level of the maximum maintenance grant set by the Department of Education (£2,000 per year) is treated as being paid during just the weeks of the academic year, but not the full 52. So this means that for the long vacation students with no jobs or other sources of income can claim the basic £23.60 a week supplementary benefit if they live at home.

But the regulations also state that students who receive covenanted income that brings their annual maintenance payments to above that maximum figure will be penalized. Excess payments will be spread over the 52 weeks and therefore reduce the entitlement to supplementary benefit during the long vacation.

The National Union of Students and the Consumers' Association have both in the past recommended that covenanted payments should be



Brighter days ahead: Now the social security rules are more in students' favour

made three times a year at the start of the academic terms in October, January and April to make it clear that they cover only the academic year and not the summer months.

According to the Department of Health and Social Security, the wording of covenants as far as this is concerned no longer matters. All

covenanted income up to the level of the maximum education grant is to be treated in the same way, no matter when it is paid. The new regulations clarify a grey area — any student who still runs into trouble with his or her claims, should appeal.

In the long term, however, it is the Government's stated

aim to see students being supported entirely on maintenance grants or through their own earnings. This presumably means that eventually student access to benefits will be reduced. But how and when this will come about is anybody's guess.

Maggie Drummond

Making the most of a good certificate

NATIONAL SAVINGS

Savings certificates offer a way to look your cash in at today's interest rates. But not all investors can afford to forgo income — HARRY POWELL explains how to get income out of 31st Issue National Savings certificates

Falling interest rates in other parts of the savings market have left some National Savings products looking attractive again.

This is notably true of the 31st issue of National Savings certificates.

These certificates give a compound annual return of 7.85 per cent, tax-free. There are penalties on early encashment and basic rate taxpayers can, at least at present, do better with some of the higher interest accounts of the building societies.

Savings certificates have the great advantage, however, that the interest rate is fixed and guaranteed, so anyone who expects that interest rates will decline further, and stay down, would do well to con-

sider them before this current issue is withdrawn. Also, the return is free of tax at all rates, and not just basic rate. To a 60 per cent tax payer, the 7.85 per cent interest grosses up to 19.6 per cent.

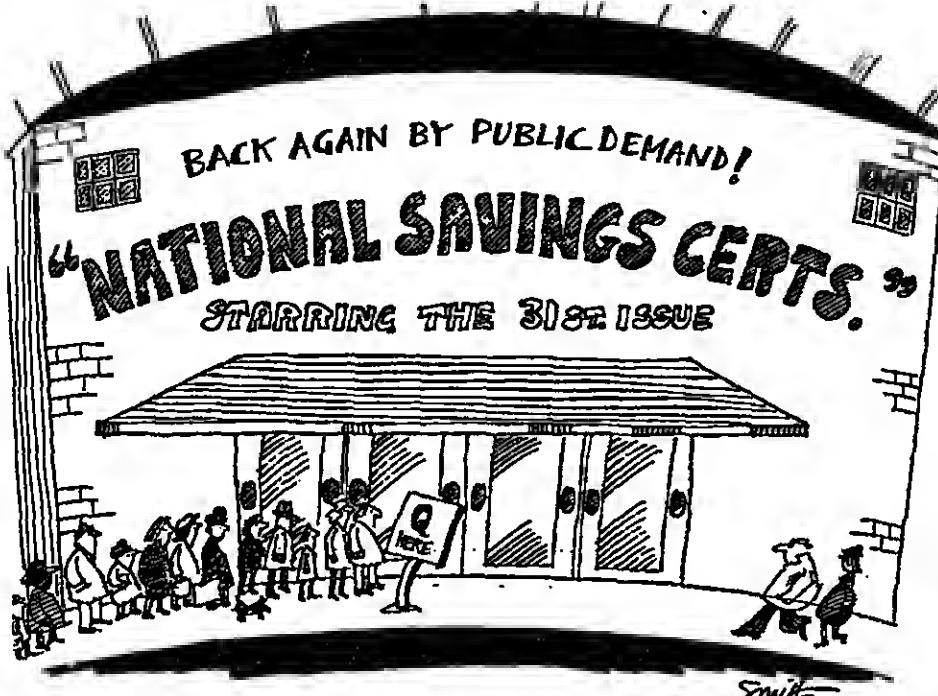
The certificates are basically a term investment and should be held for the full five years if the maximum return is to be achieved. But a system of regular annual encashments will yield a useful tax-free income.

This can benefit not only high-rate taxpayers, but also elderly savers of more moderate means, facing the notorious "age allowance trap".

The Government can withdraw any issue of certificates without notice, so 31st issue may not be around much longer if interest rates continue to fall.

Elderly savers and high-rate taxpayers get the benefits

The certificates are available in £25 units up to a total of £5,000 (200 units) a person. Every unit rises in value to £36.48 in five years. The value increases at the end of the first year, and at the end of every subsequent period of three months.



The table shows three plans by which an annual income can be drawn from a holding of £5,000 in 31st issue.

They can be operated in addition to any schemes already in use with previous issues.

The system allows for the partial repayment of multiple certificates, so there should be no practical difficulty in making the encashments.

The plans are flexible in that the number of units to be encashed can be increased or reduced according to circumstances.

And because of the tax-free nature of Savings certificates, the proceeds do not have to be included on annual tax returns.

Annual income plans for use with 31st issue National Savings Certificates	No. of £25 units encashed	Repayment value £
Plan A		
At end of:		
Year 1	13	343.72
Year 2	13	356.20
Year 3	13	365.20
Year 4	12	397.44
Year 5	12	437.76
Total	63	1,940.72
Plan B		
Year 1	14	370.16
Year 2	14	384.80
Year 3	13	395.20
Year 4	12	397.44
Year 5	10	364.80
Total	63	1,924.40
Plan C		
Year 1	15	386.80
Year 2	14	394.80
Year 3	13	395.20
Year 4	12	397.44
Year 5	10	364.80
Total	63	1,915.72

In each case a total of 63 units is encashed, leaving 137 units worth £4,937.76. The average return, on a simple interest basis, is about 7.7 per cent a year, tax-free

Job loss after returning late from holiday is dismissal

Igbo v Johnson Matthey Chemicals Ltd

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Nourse

[Judgment given April 23] A provision for automatic termination of employment on failure in report for work on a specified date, introduced by way of variation of a subsisting contract of employment, has the effect of limiting the operation of sections 54 and 55 of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 and its effect was to confer a right not in unfair dismissal into a conditional right not to be so dismissed.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Mrs Agatha Igbo against the judgment of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (The Times February 9, 1985; [1986] ICR 82) who dismissed Mrs Igbo's appeal from the decision of an industrial tribunal dated May 1, 1984, that Mrs Igbo's application for unfair dismissal failed because she was not dismissed by her employers, Johnson Matthey Chemicals Ltd, but that her contract of employment came to an end on her not reporting for work on September 28, 1983.

The court refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords. Miss Jane Walker for Mrs Igbo; Mr Brian Keith for the employers.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER, giving the judgment of the court, said that Mrs Igbo was employed by the employers from 1976. In August 1983 she wished to go on holiday to visit her husband and children in Nigeria and was granted three days' holiday.

She was granted that extension on the terms of a letter from

the employers dated August 18, 1983.

The letter included her agreement to return to work on September 28, 1983 if she failed to return on that date her "contract of employment will automatically terminate on that date".

Mrs Igbo returned in this country on September 26 but fell ill and could not return to work on September 28. She produced a medical certificate stating that she was unable to attend.

Subsequently, she had a meeting with the employers' industrial relations superintendent and was told that if she forwarded a medical certificate covering the period of absence she would be considered for reemployment. She did that but the employers decided against reemploying her.

Both the industrial tribunal and appeal tribunal concluded that Mrs Igbo was not dismissed on the ground that the present case was indistinguishable from *British Leyland (UK) Ltd v Ashraf* [1978] ICR 979 in which the appeal tribunal had held that the employees under similar circumstances case had not been dismissed but that there had been a consensual termination of the contract of employment.

That case was distinguished in *Midland Electric Manufacturing Co Ltd v Kanji* [1980] IRLR 185 and in *Tracy v Zest Equipment Co Ltd* [1982] ICR 481 but in neither case was the decision in the *Ashraf* case doubted.

In the instant appeal it was at first submitted that the appeal tribunal had erred in applying the *Ashraf* case rather than following the two later cases. That submission was without substance.

There was no possible ground on which the present case could

be distinguished from the *Ashraf* case. If Mrs Igbo was to succeed the court had to overrule the *Ashraf* case.

By amendments to the notice of appeal, for which leave was given in the course of the hearing, it was stated that section 140 of the 1978 Act, which was neither relied on nor mentioned in the *Ashraf* case, before the appeal tribunal, was the provision in the holiday agreement that Mrs Igbo's contract of employment would automatically terminate if she failed to return to work on September 28.

It was accordingly submitted that had the point been taken in the *Ashraf* case, it would have been decided differently. That contention was clearly one of both substance and importance. It was accordingly ground and was established in *Joseph v Joseph* [1967] Ch 78 that the words "in so far as it purports to exclude or limit" in section 140(1)(a) mean "in so far as it has the effect of excluding or limiting".

The question was therefore whether any provision in the holiday agreement had the effect of excluding or limiting the operation of any provision of the Act.

It was indisputable that the agreement had the effect of varying the conditions of Mrs Igbo's contract of employment, so far as it was valid.

In the circumstances it was impossible to avoid the conclusion that the provision for automatic termination had the effect, if valid, of limiting the operation of the section. It was, therefore, void by virtue of section 140. Accordingly, *British Leyland (UK) Ltd v Ashraf* was wrongly decided and must now be overruled. Solicitors: Stuart A. West & Co, Islington; Taylor Garrett.

Fresh evidence on appeal

Borden (UK) Ltd v Potter

Before Mr Justice Popplewell, Mr J. P. M. Bell and Mr J. O. N. Vickers

[Judgment given April 23]

Where a party in proceedings before an industrial tribunal wishes to call fresh evidence once a decision has been taken in those proceedings, the tribunal, whether it was the industrial tribunal or the Employment Appeal Tribunal, had to be satisfied that the evidence could not have been reasonably known or reasonably foreseen.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when it refused, on a preliminary hearing, an application by the company to call fresh evidence following the decision of the industrial tribunal on September 18, 1985, which had found that the employee had been unfairly dismissed.

Mr Roger McCarthy for the company; Mr David Cockburn, solicitor, for the employee.

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL said that the industrial tribunal found that the employee gave an explanation over an alleged assault on another employee who was injured which differed from the subsequent account he gave to the company's general production manager investigating the incident.

Medical evidence was available to the effect that the injuries were consistent with one rapid assault, and the tribunal found that the company had failed to question the doctor as to whether the employee's second explanation was consistent with the doctor's findings.

It was therefore implicit that it was unreasonable of the company not to have asked the doctor, and the tribunal determined that the dismissal was unfair because the employers had failed to obtain a fuller and fairer picture before the decision to dismiss was taken. His Lordship said that the company now sought leave in

put in the doctor's further medical report which would have said that the dismissed employee's story was not really credible.

It was not disputed that on an application for leave to call fresh evidence before the Court of Appeal, the test to be applied was that the party had to show that the evidence could not have been obtained with due diligence at the time of trial.

The test in the employment appeal tribunal, from *Boggs v Henry Electricals (India) Ltd* [1972] ICR 118, which was endorsed by *International Aviation Services (UK) Ltd v Jones* [1979] ICR 371, was whether there was a reasonable explanation.

His Lordship said that it was with great diffidence that the court would disagree with those cases, but rule 10(1)(d) of the Industrial Tribunals (Rules of Procedure) Regulations (SI 1985 No 16) provided:

"A tribunal shall have power to review and to revoke or vary by certificate under the chairman's hand any decision on the grounds that... (d) new evidence had become available since the conclusion of the hearing to which the decision relates provided that its existence could not have been reasonably known or reasonably foreseen."

That accorded with the reasonable diligence test in the two cases was intended to be less strict or indeed a stricter test than that in rule 10(1)(d).

Clearly, the Employment Appeal Tribunal should approach an application for fresh evidence on the same basis as an application to an industrial tribunal for a review. It was inconceivable that an industrial tribunal should apply a different test.

The approach in rule 10(1)(d) accorded with the ordinary principles of evidence, and it might well be that it entirely coincided with the reasonable explanation test in the two cases.

It was true that proceedings before an industrial tribunal and the Employment Appeal Tribunal were intended to be formal, the High Court proceedings, and that when the question of reasonableness was considered it might be that the Employment Appeal Tribunal would look more favourably on the failure of an unrepresented litigant in the preparation of his case.

If the test in rule 10(1)(d) differed from the reasonable explanation test, the court reluctantly preferred the former to the latter.

In the present case it would make little difference because the industrial tribunal found the company acted unreasonably in not going back to the doctor after the employee gave his second explanation, and, if the test was the second, a reasonable explanation, there had been no such explanation as to why they did not obtain it.

Applying the test under rule 10(1)(d), it was reasonably foreseeable that the doctor's view on the matter could not be reasonably known or reasonably foreseen, and accordingly, the court was not prepared to give leave for the fresh evidence to be called.

His Lordship added that the fact that an industrial tribunal and the Employment Appeal Tribunal had less formal procedures did not mean that such applications were likely to be favourably considered as a matter of course.

Nor was it to be thought by litigants that those tribunals' rules were less strict than elsewhere so that, if they were an industrial tribunal they could appeal with different evidence.

Solicitors: Pardoe David & Shaw, Brixton; Patinson & Brewer.

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If your share dealings have left you down or the whole business of investing in the stock Exchange is just too nerve-racking, you might "Strike It Rich" with a new board game.

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Buying mortgages is becoming a bit like buying soap powder as lenders vie with each other to offer special price reductions and bolt-on extras to tempt customers in their direction.

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Clearly for certain homeowners the offer is more attractive than for others, so it is worth weighing carefully how much you will save before taking a TSB mortgage costing 11.5 per cent — half a percentage point above most other bank and building society rates.

The TSB insists that the higher rate is to cover the cost of the "free" mortgage protection insurance which comes automatically with its home loans. The free mortgage protection is most attractive to people borrowing less than £30,000 who can effectively get tax relief on their protection policy by paying for it through higher mortgage interest.

Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

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How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53772 between 10.00am and 3.30pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

The clean-up for charity

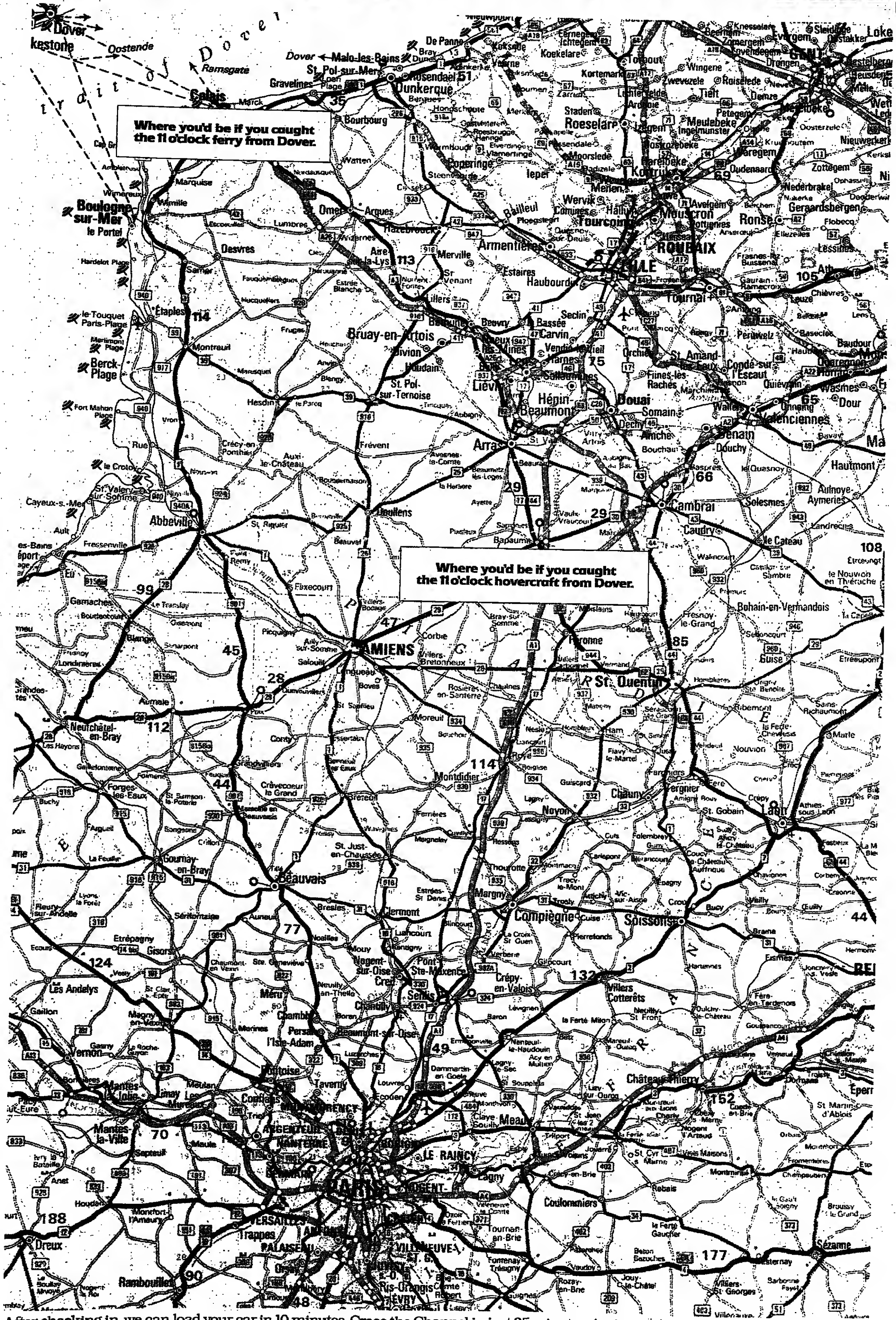
The generous offer made by dry cleaners Sketchley to its shareholders to collect unwanted clothes for charity has proved a great success.

More than 4,000 coats and outer garments were taken into Sketchley branches by shareholders, where they were cleaned and repaired free of charge. They were then handed over to Help the Aged and Dr Barnardo's.

Drawing-room dealers will be able to get an update of the real stock market prices used in the game in a year's time. VG

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RACING: CLIVE BRITAIN'S COLT SHOULD BE AMONG PRIZES IN KENTUCKY

Snow Chief looks too hot for Bold Arrangement

Bold Arrangement, a fast-finishing third in the Blue Grass Stakes nine days ago should again reach a place in the \$426,112 Kentucky Derby...

for the experience, but he has to improve by at least six lengths if he is to become the first British-trained winner of the 112-year-old classic.

WORCESTER

Going: good to firm
6.0 PESHORE NOVICES HURDLE (Div 1, £1,042; 2m) (22 runners)

7.30 MANN EGERTON JAGUAR HANDICAP HURDLE (2,136; 2m) (19)

1 0890 BUTLERS PET (9) T Hales 7-11-11 P. Richards
11 4091 MAZE HOPPLE (8) C. Thomas 10-11-11 M. Pegg

Results from Newmarket

Going: good
2.0 (5) 1. QUEL ESPRIT (S. Cothren, 100-30) 2. MISTY HOPPLE (R. Cothren, 100-30) 3. MISTY HOPPLE (R. Cothren, 100-30)

Castleford have the edge

RUGBY LEAGUE: SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP FINAL



Leading from the front: David Watkinson, the Hull Kingston Rovers captain, who has major role at Wembley. Inset: The veteran international, John Joyner, who leads Castleford

By Keith Macklin
The issues regarding the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final between Castleford and Hull Kingston Rovers at Wembley today seemed clearcut when the semi-finals were completed.

Opinions, however, have slowly veered towards Castleford in the past few weeks. Firstly, Rovers have lost their complete second row, Chris Burton and Phil Hogan, both with broken arms.

Worcester selections

By Mandrin
6.0 Lord Murphy, 6.30 Silver Wind, 7.0 Observe, 7.30 Welsh Oak, 8.30 Back in Action, 8.30 Arnball.

Carlisle

Going: good to soft
1.0 (5) 1. QUEL ESPRIT (S. Cothren, 100-30) 2. MISTY HOPPLE (R. Cothren, 100-30) 3. MISTY HOPPLE (R. Cothren, 100-30)

Plumpton

Going: good to firm, heavy, good
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Worcester Handicap Chases

6.30 BEWLEY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,940; 2m) (12)
2 1090 CHIEF OF HEAVENS (S. Cothren, 100-30) 3. MISTY HOPPLE (R. Cothren, 100-30)

Plumpton Handicap Chases

6.30 BEWLEY NOVICES HURDLE (Div 1, £1,042; 2m) (22)
1 0890 BUTLERS PET (9) T Hales 7-11-11 P. Richards

Wincanton

Going: good
1.0 (5) 1. QUEL ESPRIT (S. Cothren, 100-30) 2. MISTY HOPPLE (R. Cothren, 100-30) 3. MISTY HOPPLE (R. Cothren, 100-30)

Market Rasen

Going: good
5.30 BASIL BETT NOVICES CHASE (Div 1, £1,307; 2m) (11)
1 1000 CLOUDWALKER (S. Cothren, 100-30) 2. MISTY HOPPLE (R. Cothren, 100-30)

Wincanton Handicap Chases

7.30 PETER NELSON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,701; 2m) (12)
1 2000 DURHAM EDITION (S. Cothren, 100-30) 2. MISTY HOPPLE (R. Cothren, 100-30)

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Market Rasen selections

By Mandrin
5.30 Dover, 6.0 Debbie's Prince, 6.30 Another City, 7.0 Riva Rose, 7.30 Durham Edition, 8.0 Snap Tin, 8.30 State Diplomacy.

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HOCKEY

Experience points to Hounslow

By Sydney Friskin
Hounslow, one of the most talented and experienced sides in England, go to Prescot, near Liverpool, today with a good chance of winning the inter-league championship.

MOTOR CYCLING

Spencer under threat as rivals close gap

From Michael Scott, Madrid
The prospect of a close contest for the 1986 500cc world championship was confirmed by yesterday's first practice session for the season-opening Spanish Grand Prix at the twisting Jarama circuit outside Madrid.

RACKETS

A champion way to celebrate

By William Stephens
The Queen's Club centenary championships begin today with an inter-club doubles, sponsored by Bear Stearns International.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL, CRICKET AND OTHER FIXTURES

First division
Birmingham v Arsenal
Chelsea v Liverpool
Coventry v QPR

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Second division
Blackburn v Grimsby
Carlisle v Charlton
C Palace v Sheffield Utd

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Third division
Blackpool v Newport
Bournemouth v Walsall
Bristol City v Reading

WEEKEND FOOTBALL, CRICKET AND OTHER FIXTURES

Fourth division
Aldershot v Preston
Cambridge v Torquay
Exeter v Crewe

POINT-TO-POINT

I Got Stung should make his mark

A busy weekend is ahead for point-to-point enthusiasts with nine meetings today and a nine meeting on Monday (Brian Best writes).

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CRICKET: CHALLENGERS HAMPERED AS MARSHALL BREAKS DOWN

Hampshire lose backbone

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire (Sp) drew with Glamorgan... Hampshire suffered yesterday from the trouble which prevented them from winning the county championship...

may well not be beyond him. By lunch Younis was playing very well, and after he and O'Connell had held off Marshall's final flight early in the afternoon...

Spectators deprived again

By Richard Streeton

OLD TRAFORD: Lancashire (6 points) drew with Leicestershire (8). A small group of Lancashire members, who, as a body, are seldom backward in making known their views...

Notts just hold on to draw

By Alan Gibson

The Oval: Surrey (6 pts) drew with Nottinghamshire (7). Surrey began the day at 56 for one in their second innings, 94 ahead, and we awaited their declaration, all except Charles, who was growing around the Andrew Sandwich room, looking for bombs...

Roberts is scourge of Somerset

By Peter Marson

Bruce Roberts made 124 not out, his second hundred since his career best score, and Alan Hill 93 as Derbyshire drove relentlessly forward to 438 for five against Somerset at Queen's Park, yesterday...

Tavare saves the day for Kent

By Ivo Tennant

CANTERBURY: Kent (3pts) drew with Northamptonshire (6pts). Northamptonshire's hopes of victory, realistic enough before lunch when they had Kent 69 for five, were dispelled in the afternoon session through a faultless century by Chris Tavare and the obdurate defence of Graham Cowdrey...

Curren will defy injury

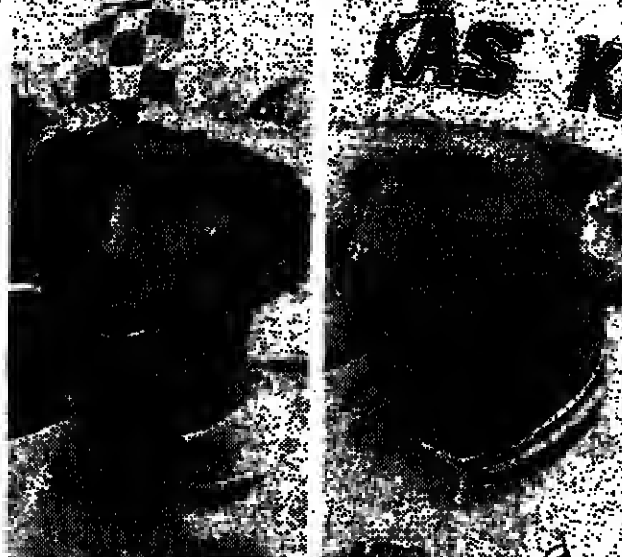
By Peter Marson

Kevin Curren, Gloucestershire's 26-year-old all-rounder, is determined to play in the Benson and Hedges Cup despite a broken shoulder. He has a cast on his right arm, which will take three weeks to heal, but a specialist has told him he can bat but not bowl...

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Table with multiple columns showing cricket scores for various matches including Derbys v Somerset, Oxford U v Middlesex, and others.

CYCLING



Robert Millar (left) kept his grip on the Tour of Spain yesterday and Sean Kelly (right) scored his first stage win.

Kelly takes stage but backs Millar as tour favourite

Palencia, Spain (agency) — Sean Kelly, of Ireland, won the tenth leg of the Tour of Spain yesterday, but Scotland's Robert Millar kept the yellow jersey of overall leader of the 21-day, 2,535-mile race...

BADMINTON Frost has to throw in towel

From Richard Eaton Jakarta

Morten Frost, the All England champion, had to retire unwell after only one game of his bronze medal encounter in a repeat of his Wembley final with Malaysia's Michael Cock in the Thomas Cup world team championships here yesterday...

EQUESTRIANISM Glazard succeeds with style

By a Special Correspondent

Denzel Oxbly's big course for the New York Times 1986 National Championship, the Notts Area International Trial, produced eight finalists at the Newark and Notts show yesterday...

GYMNASTICS Juniors competing for the big time

By Peter Aykroyd

The annual Thames Television junior gymnast of the year competition reaches its climax at Wembley today when the 16 finalists will be judged under 16 and eight girls under 13 — compete for a prize which can set the winners on the way to becoming outstanding performers...

WEEKEND TV/RADIO

Table listing TV and radio programmes for the weekend, including Radio 1, Radio 2, Radio 3, and various TV channels like BBC1, Channel 4, and ITV.

SATURDAY

Table listing Saturday TV programmes from various channels including BBC1, Channel 4, and ITV.

SUNDAY

Table listing Sunday TV programmes from various channels including BBC1, Channel 4, and ITV.

Saturday

Weekend television and radio programmes Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1
6.45 Open University, Until 8.25.
8.30 The Saturday Picture Show presented by Cheryl Baker and Mark Curry.

TV-AM
6.55 Good Morning Britain, introduced by Richard Keys. Weather at 7.00; regional report at 7.05; sport at 7.15.
7.30 The Wide Awake Club includes pop guests and videos, and news at 8.25.

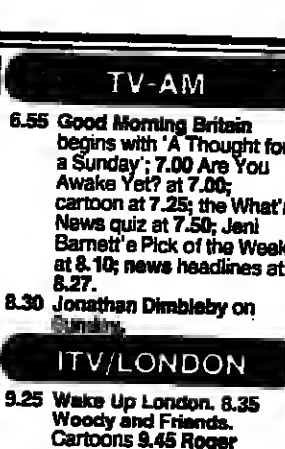


Franzella Scales and Geraldine McEwan in Mapp and Lucia. A new series begins on Channel 4 at 9.00pm.

BBC 2
6.50 Open University, Until 2.00.
2.00 Film: Witness for the Prosecution (1957) starring Charles Laughton, Tyrone Power and Marlene Dietrich.

CHANNEL 4
1.30 Channel Four Racing from Newbury. The Philip Comes Nickel Alloys Stakes (1.45); the Lakelands Handicap (2.15); and the General Stakes (3.00).
3.25 Film: The Macomber Affair (1947) starring Gregory Peck, Joan Bennett and Robert Preston.

BBC 1
6.45 Open University, Until 8.50.
8.55 Play School (r) 9.15 Knock Knock. Two stories about people. Peace 8.30 This is the Day. A simple religious service from Plymouth.



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CHANNEL 4
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1.30 The Making of Britain. Historian Dr Ronald Hutton examines how the Civil Wars of the 1640s and 1650s affected Britain.

Radio 4
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Radio 3
6.55 Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 Aubade/Wagner (The Mastersingers overture), Mahler (Das Indische Lieder).

Radio 2
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Radio 3
On medium wave, VHF variations at end of Radio 3.
6.55 Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 Franck and his circle: Robert (Prelude malin).

ROBIN OF SHERRWOOD
KING JOHN SACKS THE EVIL SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM NICKOLAS GRACE in this evening's gripping tale from Sherwood WITH JASON CONNERY as Robin, JUDI TROTT as Marion. And guest star LEWIS COLLINS

Glory game's crowning hour

By Clive White

To save the committed of Liverpool, West Ham United and Everton agonizing still further over the wait for the result of today's (or Monday's) photo-finish to the great championship race, I can reveal that the winner has already declared itself - football. Anyone who had the privilege to be at the Manor Ground, Upton Park or Filbert Street on Wednesday evening will agree with me, I am sure, that for all the distraught faces worn by Everton, Ipswich and Leicester, the game at large finished up a winner.

After the horrific culmination to last season and all its sad and costly consequences it was vitally important that this one should be seen to be finishing on a note that spread optimism rather than gloom. It could not be more exciting if it were stage-managed - three teams with a chance of winning the first division on the final Saturday of the season and four teams vying for three escape routes.

It was further encouraging to hear a player who was struck down by the less fortunate aspects of fierce competition excitedly expounding upon the merits of those midweek games. In a week when Martin O'Neill, the former captain of Northern Ireland, could not have been more depressed at his inability to recover from crucial knee ligament damage in time to be included in the Irish World Cup squad, he found solace in the performances of the more fortunate. O'Neill, who was present at Leicester and watched the other games on television, said: "It's really restored my faith in the game again watching those boys throw their lot in. When it's played with that pace and skill there's no football more worth watching in the world. Remember, they were under ferocious pressure."

"And in the midst of it at Leicester you had someone like Molby playing at a stroll as though victory meant they might move from eighth to seventh instead of towards the championship. He was out of this world. And at West Ham

we had Ward going past defenders as though they were non-existent and they say that dribbling is a dying form. Watching them made me realize that possibly I couldn't compete in that standard of football again."

Few have led the winners of this world to more outrageous triumphs than O'Neill as Northern Ireland's inspirational captain and the part that the underdogs played in midweek should not be overlooked by the elitists. Whatever the super powers decree happens to the workings of the League after 1988 it is of paramount importance to their own future as well as the game's that a link between the stream and the ocean is maintained.

Liverpool again team winners

If the game is this season's overall winner there has to be a team one, too, and it looks like being Liverpool for the eighth time in the last 11 years. After the fragmented efforts of last season and its shattering conclusion Liverpool have displayed an admirable unity once more.

Should they carry off the League and FA Cup double (perish the thought, I hear the Evertonians say), it would be the most remarkable start to a managerial career for Kenny Dalglish, and under the handicap of playing an instrumental part as well. No less capable an individual as Jim Smith, the Queen's Park Rangers manager, spoke recently of the unbearable burden of playing and managing in non-League football.

One half of that most elusive of doubles will almost certainly depend upon victory today at Stamford Bridge. A draw would give West Ham the chance of their first championship, a defeat would give Everton the chance of retaining their championship.

Neither West Ham nor Everton could wish for a more

awkward obstacle to be set before Liverpool than Chelsea on the notorious Bridge surface. They were unfortunate losers to the Merseyside club in the FA Cup and held Liverpool to a draw at Anfield earlier in the season. John Hollins, the Chelsea manager, has promised their fellow Londoners that they will do their utmost to help bring the title to the capital and a full house of 45,000 should provide Chelsea with all the motivation they require.

Of course, if Chelsea do take maximum revenge for their cup defeat it could put the ball back into Everton's court more than West Ham's at Goodison Park on Monday, when the trials and tribulations of a typically demanding English season could be determined in a 90-minute "final".

All this, of course, assumes that West Bromwich Albion, who receive West Ham, and Southampton, who visit Everton, dutifully play their submissive roles in the scenario. It could be that West Ham, who have ridden their luck to two victories this week by way of dubious penalty decisions, will be tripped up themselves at the Hawthorns.

Everton, who are hoping that Reid is fit, face a side without five first-choice defenders, including Shilton, who has a slight hamstring strain. His place will be taken by Granger, aged 17.

At least we should have a solution today to the negative puzzle at the bottom of the table. Coventry look poised to make another miraculous escape at home to Queen's Park Rangers. Ipswich are one step away from relegation five years after conquering Europe. They probably need at least a draw at Hillsborough - an unmean task to stay up and that is assuming that Coventry do no better than draw or Leicester do no better than win by a goal at home to Newcastle.

Oxford, who receive Nottingham Forest, will know exactly what, if anything, is required of them after today in their last match at home to Arsenal. What a finish!

Day of reckoning for Hearts

By Hugh Taylor

Heart of Midlothian, the Scottish League's premier division leaders, this afternoon face the crucial test of their astonishing season. It will, according to their manager Alex McDonald, be as much a trial of character as of ability. The players are now under severe pressure after a run of 31 games without defeat.

Hearts require a point from their match with Dundee at Dens Park to take the title for the first time in 26 years. But there has been a tinge of anxiety in their recent play and Celtic are hot on their heels.

David Hay, the Celtic manager, admits his side needs "a small miracle" to snatch the championship from Hearts'

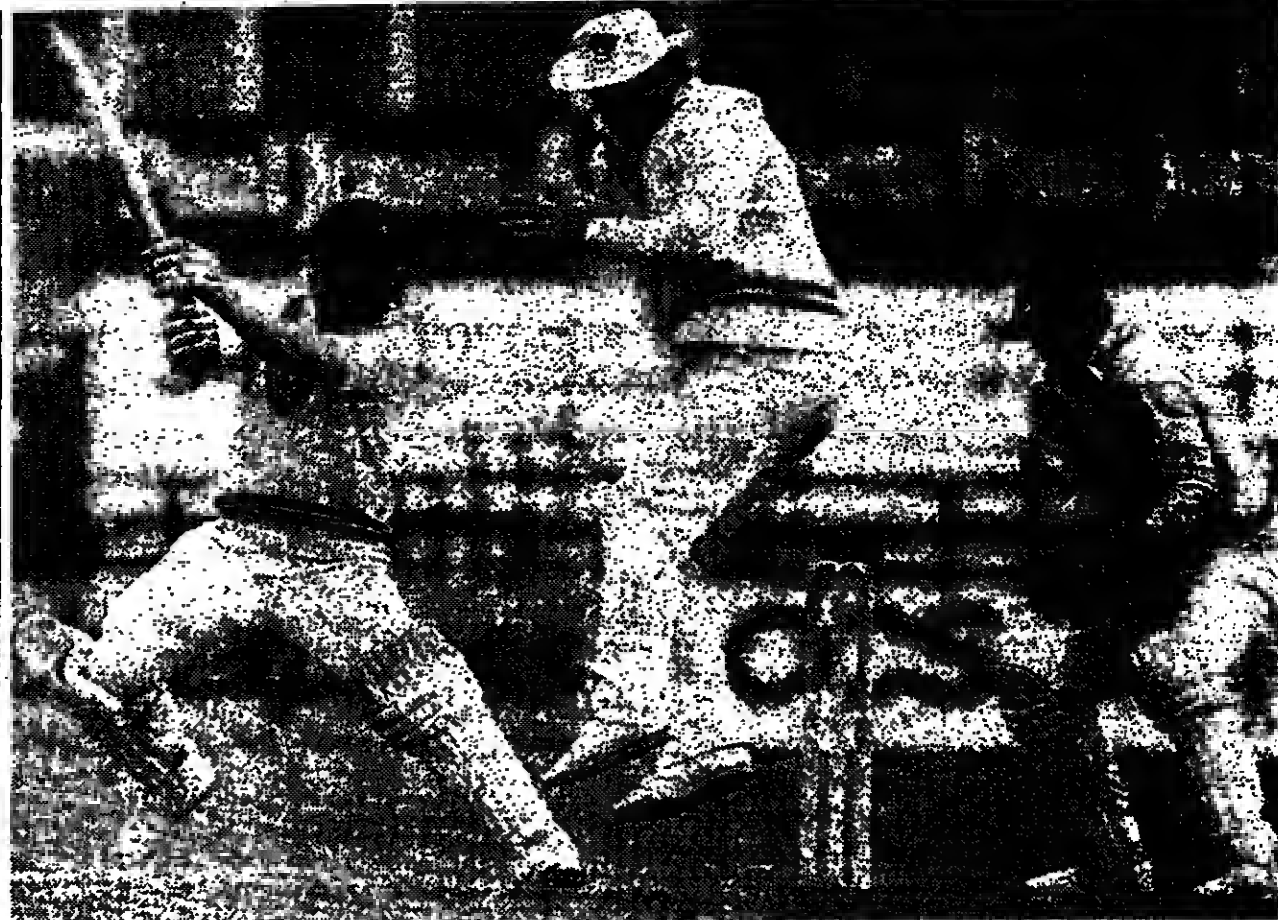
grip. But such is the fighting tradition of the Glasgow club, winners of their last seven games, that it is not beyond their shooting power to score the three goals essential to their hopes against St Mirren at Paisley. If that happens and Hearts lose to Dundee by 1-0, the league flag will be bound for Parkhead, not Tynecastle.

Hearts will also find their opponents in a determined mood. Dundee must win to have any chance of taking part in next season's UEFA Cup. However, such is the team spirit and individual ability of key players in the Hearts side, who have their captain, Kidd, back after suspension, that they should earn at least the

point that is vital. Anyhow, Dundee are not well placed, with several regulars out through injury.

At Paisley, Celtic meet a St Mirren side also hit by injury and they are hoping that McClair, their forward who has scored four goals in his last three matches, will again be on target.

There will also be anticipation at Ibrox. A big crowd will be present to see how Rangers, also hoping for a place in Europe next season, fare under the direction of Graeme Souness - who is in charge of the team for the first time - against Motherwell. Souness has announced he is about to go into the transfer market.



Morris dancing: Robin Smith, of Hampshire, twists as the left-handed High Morris square cuts for four at Southampton yesterday. The young

Glamorgan opening batsman, hampered by a strained hamstring, scored 58 as his team fought a rearguard action to save the match after

conceding a first-innings deficit of 107 runs. Morris, aged 22, added 63 runs in 37 overs with Holmes as Glamorgan proceeded to bat through-

out the whole day for 342 for seven declared and draw the game. (Photograph: Chris Cole). Reports, page 38

RUGBY UNION

Twickenham set for grand finale

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The traditional end of the English season (although a special extension means it still has some days left to run) comes at Twickenham today with the finals of the Middlesex Sevens tournament. Some traditional names are missing: London Scottish and London Irish for instance, while none of London's old boys' clubs have made it to headquarters.

In their stead come Worthing and Hendon, who have the distinction of starting and finishing the first of this afternoon's rounds. Worthing, the first Sussex club to reach finals day, play Nottingham, last year's runners-up, while Hendon play Wasps - current holders of the Russell Cargill Trophy.

Worthing should not be taken lightly. They won the Sussex Sevens last weekend, beating London Scottish in the final and Richmond in the semi-final. By coincidence they also offer seven players to the Sussex county squad which leaves tomorrow for a five-match tour of Canada.

The guest sides come from Sale - who won the tournament 50 years ago with a team including Wilfred Wooller, Ken Fyfe and Claud Davy - and Kelsio, whose reputation among Border clubs has grown over the last few years in both versions of the game.

Kelsio, the winners of the Jed-Forest and the Melrose

TENNIS

Reeves fails to reach heights

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Sally Reeves, of West Wickham, the top seed, was beaten 6-1, 6-3 by Natalie Zvereva, of Minsk, aged 15, in the Lawn Tennis Association tournament at Sutton. Miss Reeves, at 21, "the old lady" of the semi-finals, ranks seventh in Britain. She won the longest game but the six other duce game all went to Miss Zvereva.

Miss Reeves does not serve well. Nor does she show much initiative in devising other means of creating openings. Her base line game depends on rhythm and timing and both were disrupted by a tenacious opponent who gave her little pace to feed on. Miss Zvereva, who looks much as Steffi Graf did at the same age but does not play as well, had a run of eight consecutive games.

"Sally is quite short", explained a former Wightman Cup player, Lesley Charles, who works with Britain's international squad. "And the Russian gave her a lot of high, looped balls. Sally's rhythm was broken by variations of pace and she was forced to over-hit."

Miss Zvereva's compatriot Leila Meski, aged 18, recovered from 2-5 down in the third set and had four match points before Cecilia Dahlman, of Sweden, aged 17, beat her 7-5, 1-6, 7-6. The tie-break, a tense, careful, gently

Fortune suddenly deserts Knowles

By Sydney Friskin

Tony Knowles was under more pressure when a frame was dramatically snatched from him at Sheffield yesterday by Joe Johnson in the semi-final of the Embassy world snooker championship. Johnson drew ahead 3-4, won the next frame, but Knowles recovered slightly to go 9-6 behind by the end of the second session. The 31-frame match ends today.

As in earlier times, the fortunes of the 12th frame changed suddenly. Knowles compiled a fascinating break of 65, which came to an end at the top of the table, where he attempted at the penultimate red, with the aid of the rest, broke down. The score was then 65-30 and in came Johnson to clear up with a break of 39 and take the frame.

Play for the day had begun with Johnson leading 4-3, an advantage which he increased by winning the first frame on the crucial pink. But Knowles hit back immediately with breaks of 59 and 61, only to fall behind again as Johnson's finest striking earned him the next two frames. Johnson went happily on to lead 9-4 before Knowles checked his progress with a break of 56.

Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, who resumed the other semi-final yesterday afternoon against Steve Davis 5-3 behind, broke into fluent action immediately with a break of 63, eliminating in the process three blacks, a pink and four more blacks. But there was enough left on the table for Davis to work on and he recovered magnificently after Thorburn had left him an easy red. There were only two of them left and he cleared the table to go 6-3 ahead. But soon it was 6-4.

The Canadian probably remembered the inaccuracy of the previous night when he lost the sixth frame after making a break of 65. Davis also made 65 eventually to win the frame on the black and level at 3-3. Thorburn's march in that pulsating game was halted when the cue ball kicked back and frustrated his attempt to sink the black. At that stage he had potted nine blacks and two reds, thus creating the prospect of a maximum 147. It all went up in smoke.

SENIOR FEMALE: J. Johnson (Eng) leads A Knowles (Eng) 9-5 (53-71, 69-2, 52-83, 59-17, 11-96, 63-54, 89-5, 78-19, 6-128, 63-49, 98-21, 69-65, 75-12, 32-75) S Davis (Eng) leads D Lewis (Eng) 6-4 (54-66, 54-66, 32-46, 72-65, 75-21, 91-8, 69-4, 4-121).

GOLF

Nicholas secures a record

By Mitchell Phillips

Alison Nicholas continued her attempt to lead from start to finish in the Ford Ladies Classic by putting together a third round of 71 at Woburn Golf and Country Club yesterday. It gave her a 54-hole aggregate of 214, which, at 11 under par, is a record for the WPGA tour.

Miss Nicholas, seeking her first victory as a professional, will enter the final round today with a three-shot cushion over Muriel Thomson, who had five birdies in a flawless round of 70. Vanessa Marvin took 75 to remain in contention some five shots behind.

Even so, Miss Nicholas would be the first to acknowledge that there is little room for error. There have been some fine scoring achievements during the last three days which support the theory that the standard of golf on the WPGA circuit is coming on in leaps and bounds.

For instance, Pia Nilsson, who, admittedly, has had three years' experience on the LPGA circuit in the United States, has the 24,500 first prize within her sights in spite of a first round of 81. Miss Nilsson, a 5ft 6in, blue-eyed blonde from Malmo, Sweden, has gathered 14 birdies during the last two days and so with rounds of 68 and 70, she is now on 219. Miss Nilsson has an exceptional chance of winning the title if she can maintain that kind of impressive play during the last 18 holes.

Miss Thomson, who was beaten by Gillian Stewart in a play-off for the title last year, once again emphasized her liking for the Duke's course. She notched three birdies in an outward half of 34 and collected three more in succession from the 13th to come out of the pack. LEADING THIRD ROUND SCORES (GB unless stated): A Nicholas (W) 78, M Thomson (W) 78, T 74, V Marvin (W) 75, 75, 221; J Brown (W) 71, 74, 224; L Davies (W) 78, 72, 215; S Smith (W) 78, 74, 215; L Lewis (W) 72, 75, 216; L Neuman (W) 73, 72, 79; P Conley (US) 73, 75, 78; K Lunn (W) 72, 77, 225; D Reid (W) 78, 72, 6; G Stewart (W) 74, 77, 74; G Stewart (W) 74, 78.

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ATHLETICS

Rose poses biggest threat to Clarke

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Some of the best road-runners from three continents collide in the IAC 8km race, sponsored by Gaymer's Cycles, through the streets of York tomorrow. Simeon Kigen, of Kenya, who was the leading road-runner in the United States last year, meets Fernando Mamede, of Portugal, the world record holder at 10,000m. Gary Henry, of Australia, and a strong British representation, headed by Dave Lewis, Dave Clarke and Nick Rose.

Kigen won his top American ranking with victories at distances rather more than 8km, so today's race, and indeed the Grand Prix series of three Gaymer's races over the next month, will find him hard pressed for an individual victory.

Mamede, who won the final race of last year's series, when it was run over 10km, looks a more likely winner, although it is a shame that Steve Harris and Jon Solby, who soundly beat him in an Italian road race last month, are not available tomorrow. Their decision, not to be diverted from their track aspirations this summer, is however a wise one.

Lewis was second to Mamede in last year's final race, and should be closer over the shorter distance, but 34-year-old Nick Rose should prove much of the domestic interest, and will be the biggest threat to Clarke, last year's overall Grand Prix winner, and to Kigen.

Rose has been one of Britain's leading distance runners for a decade, although spending much of his time in the United States. His Europe-

CYCLING

Safety fears over Peace Race

By David Duffield

The 1,306-mile 15-day Peace Race is now in jeopardy following the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. The showpiece of East European cycle racing - now in its 39th year - is due to start in Kiev on Tuesday but fears for the safety of the 120 riders, from 20 nations, has caused withdrawals from the race.

The first four days are all based around Kiev and cover a total of 203 miles. The race is then due to move to Poland, restarting in Warsaw, where

high levels of radiation have already been recorded. Great Britain have already cancelled plans to send a team. Brian Wootton, the British Cycling Federation's racing secretary, said: "We contacted the Foreign Office and were advised not to go. We teleaxed the Russian federation and have also notified Poland, Czechoslovakia and East Germany of our intentions."

One possibility, proposed by the BCF, is to start the race in Berlin on May 14 and complete the scheduled second half of the race, to finish in Prague on May 22. As yet there has been no reply from the Russians to this suggestion.

The British proposal would allow a continuity of the event from there in every indication that other Western nations, including the United States team, will not be on the start-line at Kiev if the race goes ahead as planned.

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Wales up the stakes

The Welsh Rugby Union has decided to award caps to their players for all future matches against countries from inside and outside the International Rugby Board nations.

That means the matches against Tonga, Fiji and Western Samoa will be awarded full international status when Wales tour there this summer.

Record entry

This year's Isle of Man TT motorcycle race meeting has attracted a record entry of 856 - 110 up on than last year. Both World Championship events, the formula one and formula two races, were over-subscribed by 120 and 114 entries respectively.

Because of the strict safety precautions on the demanding 37.4-mile circuit, a maximum of 100 competitors is allowed for each event. Racing opens on Saturday, May 31, with the formula one race, and continues on June 2, 4 and 6.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Race decision

The Corsican motor rally was suspended yesterday after the deaths of Henri Torvoine (Finland) and Sergio Cresti (Italy) in a crash. The Lancia team colleagues withdrew and the organisers are deciding whether the three-day event should continue. It was the Lancia team's second fatality in two years in the Corsican race.

The real thing

The George Wimpey women's open real tennis championship takes place at the Seacourt tennis club, Hayling Island, this weekend.

Joint effort

With the America's Cup getting under way off Perth on October 5, the two Canadian teams - True North and Canada 2 - who are bidding for the right to mount a challenge, have joined forces in an attempt to find the fastest yacht.